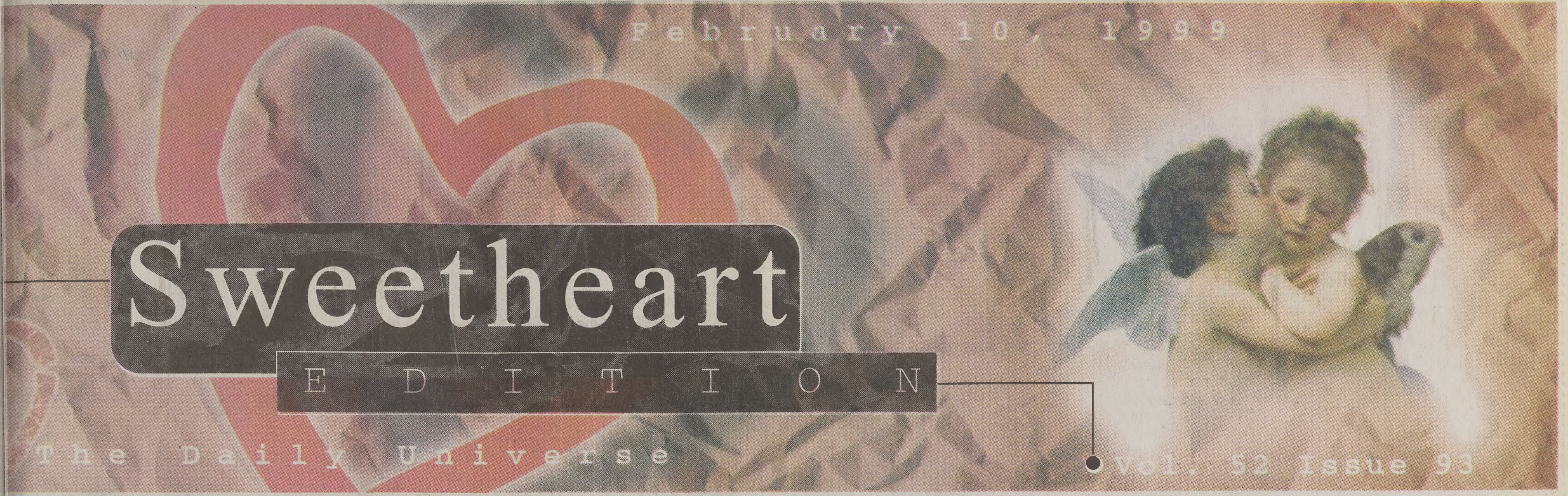

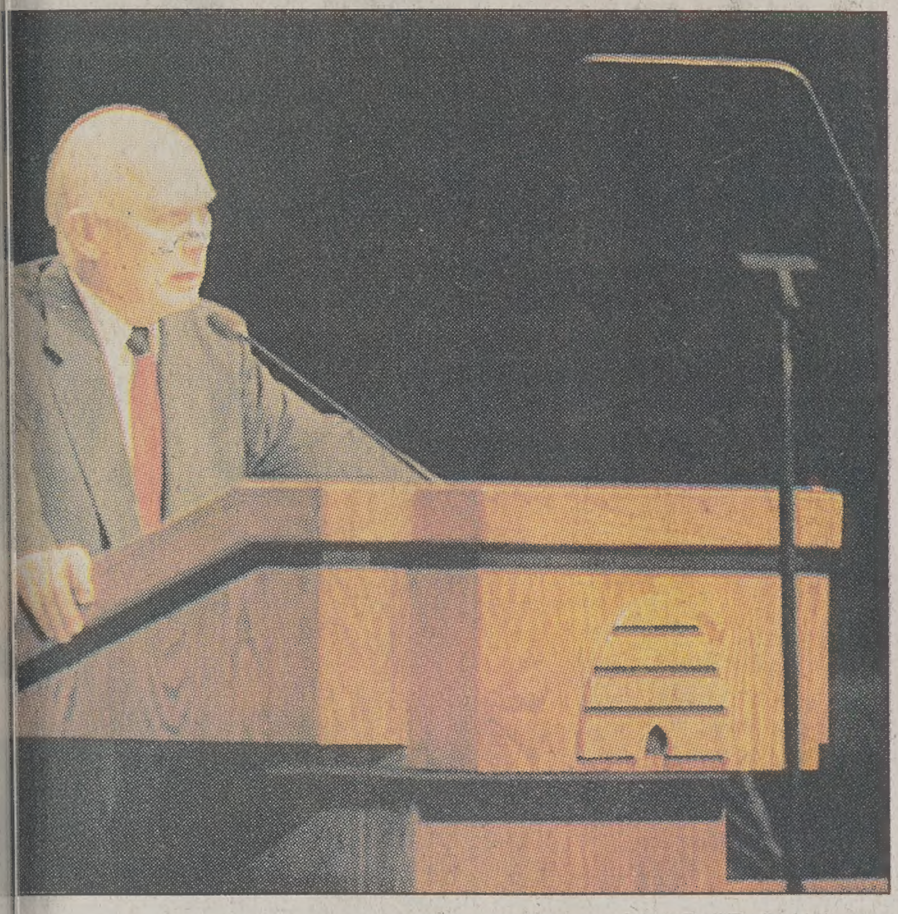

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H. Oaks speaks at the Marriott Center at Tuesday's [E]lder Oaks said students should focus on the weightier [gospel] gospel to avoid losing sight of eternal goals.

[Eld]er Oaks: Focus [on] gospel truths

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[...]I. Oaks counseled stu[dents at Tuesda]y's Devotional to keep [the] weightier matters of [...] a member of the [Quorum of the] Twelve Apostles of [...] of [...] of [...]nts, [...]like [...]e of [...]sily [...]bad- [...]con- [...]rate [...] our [...]hly [...]jec[tives...lo]se sight of our eternal [...]ks said. [...] diversity, choice and [...] often become the [...]ers' lives instead of [...] obtain loftier, eternal [...] theory falsely teach[es that...] of choice is the ulti[mate ...] Oaks said. [...]untable for choices, [...]us choices will move [...]e goals," he said. [...]onfirmed the church's [...]tion, stating that it is only justified in cases of incest, rape or life-threatening situations. Even in these rare cases, Elder Oaks said, mothers should consult their bishops and seek divine guidance.

Elder Oaks told students not to accept any part of the pro-choice argument regarding abortion. He said some members feel that abortion is wrong but argue that the laws should allow women the freedom to choose.

> **"If we concentrate too intently on our obvious earthly methods or objectives, we can lose sight of our eternal goals."**
>
> *—Elder Dallin H. Oaks*

He urged students to align their political stances with religious principles.

Elder Oaks cited diversity as another issue that can distract from the ultimate goal of unity.

"The church teaches that what unifies us is far more important than what differentiates us," he said.

Elder Oaks said a zeal for diversity should not overshadow values, priorities and beliefs. He counseled students to disagree with opposing viewpoints with respect and civility. Elder Oaks also described BYU as a counterculture that still teaches issues of right and wrong in the classroom.

"I pray that we might keep the commandments and seek the unity that will bring us to our ultimate goal: eternal life," Elder Oaks said.

Values make for stronger vows

National studies support LDS views about marriage

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A study released by the National Marriage Project at Rutgers University last week supports The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' view on marriage.

The decade of research from the marriage project indicates that individuals who live together before marriage have a higher divorce rate than other couples.

"Studies like these have been done for the last 30 years and they all show the same thing," said Douglas E. Brinley, a BYU religion professor and marriage counselor.

According to The Associated Press, a 1997 study by the National Center for Health Statistics showed that 27 percent of females who lived with a man before committing to marriage divorced within five years.

Figures form the National Survey of Families and Households in 1992 revealed that 46 percent of couples that lived together before marrying were likely to see their marriages dissolve.

Brinley says living together strips single men and women of commitment and faith in the act of marriage.

"These single couples only want the physical relationship without the commitment of marriage and children," Brinley said.

In the April 1981 LDS Church general conference, Elder Boyd K. Packer, then a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles and now the acting president of the quorum, said that virtue, self-esteem, and refinement of character wither away when couples live together out of wedlock.

He said that living together without a lawful marriage destroys something within all participants.

"To suppose that one day they may nonchalantly change their habits and immediately claim all that might have been theirs had they not made a mockery of marriage is to suppose something that will not be," Elder Packer said.

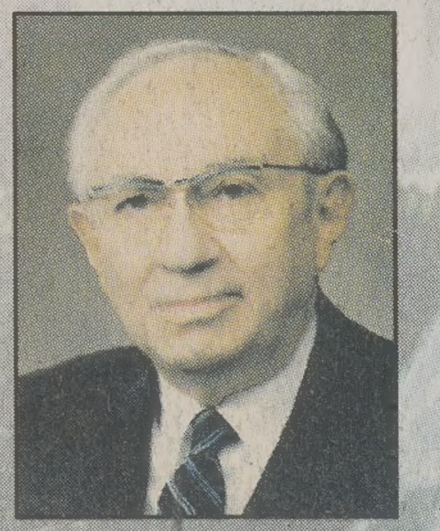
Elder Packer described marriage as sacred and he warned LDS Church members to run from anything that imitates marriage.

"Even a rickety marriage will serve good purpose as long as two people struggle to keep it from falling down around them," he said.

Marriage knot so simple...

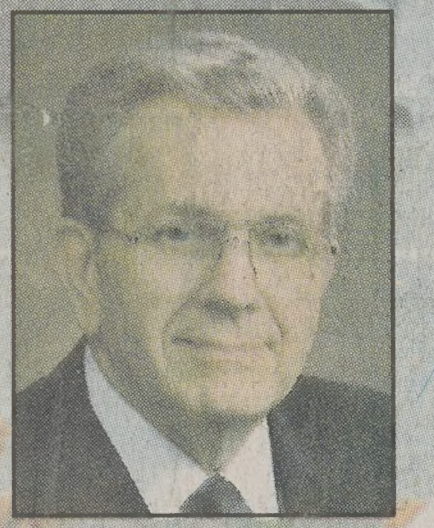
"Celestial Marriage is the crowning ordinance of the gospel, the crowning ordinance of the House of the Lord."

~Douglas E. Brinley, BYU religion professor



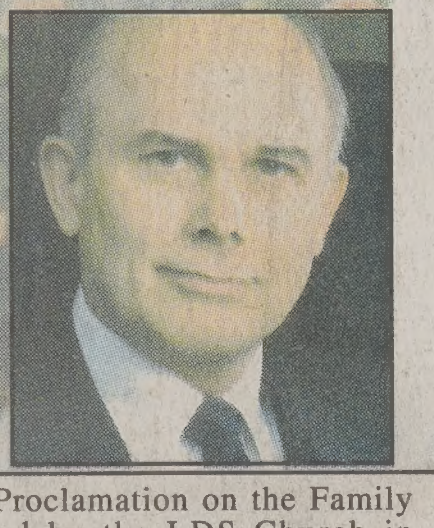
"How wonderful a thing is marriage under the plan of our Eternal Father, a plan provided in His divine wisdom for the happiness and security of His children and the continuation of the race."

~President Gordon B. Hinckley General Conference April 1991



"Marriage is the shelter where families are created. That society which puts low value on marriage sows the wind and, in time, will reap the whirlwind."

~President Boyd K. Packer Ensign, May 1981, p. 13-15



"No individual can gain exaltation unless they unite unselfishly under the everlasting covenant of marriage."

~Elder Dallin H. Oaks BYU Devotional, February 1999

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The Proclamation on the Family released by the LDS Church in September 1995 says the marriage of a man and woman is ordained of God.

It also says that the family is the fundamental unit of society.

"The sacred powers of procreation are to be employed only between man and woman, lawfully wedded as husband and wife," the proclamation says.

[Eth]ics report summarizes SLOC gifts

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[...]e Organizing Committee for the [...]r Games released its ethics report [...]

[...]e finished its two-month investiga[tion...]mpic scandal and released a 300-[...]oncerning wrongdoing of several [...]lympic Committee members.

[Le]avitt opened the meeting.

[...]thics committee wrote the report to [...]at happened and how the state of [...]e it.

[...]show the world the truth, and show [...]t was wrong and that we are going [...]t said.

[Ba]rbara Lockhart said the report was [...] judge the ethical standards of the people who elected Salt Lake City to host the Olympics.

The report contains summaries of money for scholarships used by IOC family members and special vacations for IOC family members.

Chairman Robert Garff conducted most of the meeting and listed the three purposes for conducting the investigation. He said the first reason was to conduct an independent investigation of what occurred and who was involved in the Olympic scandal. The second reason was to determine if the IOC members acted improperly. The last purpose of the report was to provide an account of the money used, and what it was used for.

Garff said that the goal of the Olympic committee was to gain votes of the bidding committee and win them over.

"It was like a political campaign," Garff said.

Former SLOC committee members Tom Welch and Dave Johnson are accused of most of the illegal funding. Welch and Johnson have both been accused for the paying for many of the activities for IOC family members, but both deny the accusations.

Leavitt concluded his remarks by stressing the importance of turning this Olympic controversy around.

"Olympic corruption is not new and did not start here, but it is important that it does end here," Leavitt said.

The ethical report will not have any criminal implications. The Department of Justice will conclude its investigation in two months. The results of the investigation will determine if there will be any federal charges.

SLOC will meet again on Thursday at the Hilton hotel in Salt Lake City to conduct any further business.

A new CEO for the committee may also be announced.

[Leg]islature raises marriage age to 16

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[...]h lawmakers have [...]e minimum marrying [...]5-year-olds will still [...]n Utah.

[...]g the Senate passed [...]sponsored by Rep. [...]vis, raising Utah's [...]ing age from 14 to [...]s for some 15-year-[...] bill awaits the gov[...]e before becoming state law.

Earlier Tuesday morning, however, a bill that would nix the 15-year-old exception died in committee by a tie vote along party lines.

For the sponsor of Senate Bill 5 and other anti-polygamist supporters who wanted to see the minimum marrying age raised to 16 with no exceptions, it was a bitter moment.

"This has become a partisan battle when it clearly is not. It doesn't feel fair and it doesn't feel right," said sponsor of the bill and Senate Minority Leader Scott Howell, D-Salt Lake.

"I feel like this was a partisan thing. Senator Howell tried to make negotiations and compromises, but the Republican leadership would not budge," said Vicky Prunty, a former polygamist and representative of Tapestry of Polygamy, an organization fighting against polygamy in Utah. Prunty supported the 16-year-old rule because, as a former child bride in a polygamous culture, she said she sees dangers in it.

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"We've seen a lot of exploitation of young girls within polygamy, and as a state we should set laws that protect them," Prunty said. A few legislators, together with Eagle Forum, a powerful conservative lobbying group, oppose the bill because it takes away the responsibility of young people to parent an otherwise illegitimate child.

"This bill essentially legitimizes illegitimacy," said House Majority Whip David Ure, R-Morgan.

Romantic movies define generations

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For the last century, people have used movies as a means for transporting themselves to other worlds where emotions that are too difficult for this life, can be felt in a one-hour to two-hour period.

Deseret News movie critic Jeff Vice said each decade grows up with certain movies and characters that help to define their generation. The films become not only a part of the American heritage but also personal identity.

> **"Males have a different perspective of romance than females. Romantic movies are depressing until I find someone and then I might change my mind."**
>
> *—Michael Boyer, BYU student*

One hundred BYU students helped to define romance for this era by answering a poll in the Cougareat.

"Sleepless in Seattle" and "While You Were Sleeping" were chosen as the most romantic movies of all time. "Princess Bride" followed closely behind.

Vice was not surprised by these results.

"These actors and actresses are very popular with the general public and the themes are not new —just more contemporary," Vice said.

"Sleepless in Seattle" is the blockbuster movie based on the 1957 movie hit "An Affair to Remember" with Cary Grant and Deborah Carr.

Winnie Wong, 19, a sophomore from Walnut, Calif., majoring in pre-nursing, gave her impressions on "Sleepless in Seattle."

"It ends on Valentine's Day. That is special. You leave the movie with this good feeling, and Meg Ryan and Tom Hanks are so cute," Wong said.

Daniel Boster, 21, a sophomore from Adrian, Ore., majoring in business management, gave his feelings on "Sleepless in Seattle."

"That was pathetic, too cheesy, with no real story line," Boster said.

Other popular movies were "Somewhere in Time", "An Affair to Remember", "You've Got Mail" and

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News Briefs

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Prisoner robs and rapes while free

FARMINGTON, Conn. -- A man mistakenly freed from prison by a clerical error has pleaded guilty to a shooting and rape he committed while on the loose.

Ryan Testa, 23, plead guilty Monday to seven felonies, including aggravated sexual assault, kidnapping, assault and robbery. The judge said Testa will be sentenced to 22 years in prison on March 1.

Testa was supposed to be serving a five-year sentence for an unrelated robbery when he attacked two employees inside a real estate office in October 1995.

But Testa had been released from Hartford Correctional Center after a clerical error appeared on his paperwork, showing his sentence as five days rather than five years.

Testa shot Alfred Malpa and then, at gunpoint, sexually assaulted a woman at the Farmington real estate office, prosecutors said. The next day, Testa and several friends went on a spending spree in New York City with the victims' credit cards, police said.

Bill to ban concealed weapons dies

SALT LAKE CITY -- Members of a House committee voted 7-4 Tuesday to kill a bill that would have banned concealed weapons in churches, schools, private residents and Olympic venues.

Members of the gun lobby and other opponents to the bill argued the bill targeted those who obey the law and go through the process of obtaining a concealed weapon. Criminals, they argue, would have been the real winners if the bill passed.

Rep. Dave Jones, D-Salt Lake City, sponsored the bill. He argued that there are some places where guns should not be allowed.

Dr. Sarah Thompson argued that taking away women's concealed weapons would make them vulnerable to attacks.

"At a time when Salt Lake City has a rate of rape that is higher than New York City, why do you want to disarm us?" she asked. "No woman should be disarmed for an entire day simply because in the course of that day she has to enter a school, church, synagogue or private residence."

Astronomers view forming planets

WASHINGTON -- New pictures from the Hubble Space Telescope are giving astronomers a look at what may be the early formative stages of planets, NASA said Tuesday.

While the pictures don't actually show planets, they give a look at disks of dust that circle young stars. Scientists believe that as stars age, this dust condenses to form planets.

Thus, the Hubble images may be offering a glimpse of what Earth's solar system looked like 4.5 billion years ago when the Earth and other planets began to condense, the NASA reported.

"While the existence of these disks has been known from prior infrared and radio observations, the Hubble images reveal important new details such as a disk's size, shape, thickness and orientation," said Deborah Padgett of the California Institute of Technology's Infrared Processing and Analysis Center in Pasadena, Calif.

Sears fined in credit card fraud

CHICAGO — Sears, Roebuck & Co. said Tuesday it will plead guilty to fraud and pay a $60 million fine for illegally pursuing debts from bankrupt credit card customers.

In an agreement with the government, a Sears subsidiary called Sears Bankruptcy Recovery Management Services will admit that it failed to obtain approval from bankruptcy judges for debt-collection (or reaffirmation) agreements signed by credit card customers who sought Chapter 7 protection.

Credit card debts are erased when customers file for bankruptcy. However, when customers sign reaffirmation agreements, they agree to continue paying off their debt in exchange for keeping the credit card or keeping merchandise bought on credit.

Some Sears debt collectors had threatened to repossess merchandise from customers unless they signed such agreements.

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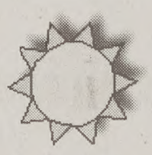
High	60 as of		
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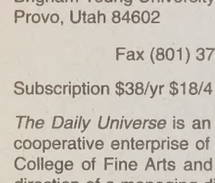
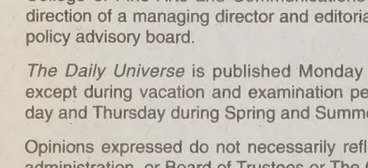


"He is the light and the life of the world; yea, a light that is endless, that can never be darkened; yea and a life which is endless, that there can be no more death." — *Mosiah 16:9*



Laurice Recalde, a freshman from Guayacil, Ecuador likes this scripture because "if we always find our support in Heavenly Father, we will always walk in the light."

Senate doors close as debate begins

Associated Press

WASHINGTON -- After listening quietly for weeks to testimony and arguments, a trial-weary Senate closed the doors Tuesday of its chamber and began to debate for only the second time in history whether to remove an American president from office. Senators predicted President Clinton would be acquitted by week's end.

"I hope that we won't just have speeches, that in fact we will have deliberations," Majority Leader Trent Lott said after senators rejected a request that the final debate be opened to the public. The Senate voted 59-41 in favor of opening the deliberations, eight votes short of the required two-thirds majority.

With the first presidential impeachment trial since 1868 on course to end this week, senators were given 15 minutes each to debate whether to convict Clinton for perjury and obstruction of justice in concealing his affair with Monica Lewinsky.

Behind the scenes, senators searched for an alternate punishment, such as a censure or rebuke, that might win bipartisan support after the trial ends. Democrats want to move right to the issue of censure, but some GOP lawmakers suggested it was possible Clinton could escape with no punishment at all.

Sen. Larry Craig of Idaho, a member of the GOP leadership, said he believed the censure idea was "a rose that is beginning to wilt" and that the chances were slim that senators would consider such an idea before they go on holiday break next week. Any censure resolution would be considered after the trial ends.

"That doesn't mean the Senate won't revisit this issue when they come back. I think the likelihood of that lessens, for a lot of reasons," Craig said.

Members of both parties conceded the final vote, set for Thursday or Friday, was expected to fall far short of the 67 senators needed to convict and oust Clinton.

In a sign that many senators are eager to end the proceedings, Lott made an offhanded plea that his colleagues keep the debate as short as possible. "I remind all senators that Lincoln gave his Gettysburg Address in less than three minutes, and (President) Kennedy's first inaugural was slightly over seven minutes," he said.

Senators rejected a request from House prosecutors to call more witnesses to resolve a question over whether White House aide Sidney Blumenthal gave truthful testimony during the impeachment trial.

Amber Coe/Daily Universe

Because University Mall is ahead of schedule with construction deadlines, the Woodbury Corp., the mall owners, agreed to accept a million dollars less in sales tax revenues.

Orem City Council saves a million

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The University Mall will receive about a million dollars less than expected from Orem City in mall renovation fees because of a change in the 12-month period that determines sales tax increases.

The Orem City Council voted Tuesday to make the "base year" run from October 1998 to September 1999. The previous base year would have run from October 1999 to September 2000, the year before Nordstrom opens.

In April 1998, the City Council agreed to contribute the sales tax increase from mall revenues -- up to $975,000 a year for 20 years -- to University Mall. In exchange for the contribution, University Mall agreed to remodel, expand and bring in Nordstrom.

Because University Mall is ahead of its renovation schedule, it has had many stores express interest in leasing space before Nordstrom's comes.

Costco, an unannounced fourth department store and 35 nationally ranked stores, are among the takers.

Having more name-brand stores come to the mall is expected to drive up sales profits a year earlier than expected.

Anticipating this influx of new revenue, the Orem City Council voted to amend their agreement by pushing back the sales tax base year so the sales increase would be higher.

Robert Kallas, University Mall's manager, said construction on the new Nordstrom will not begin until Fall 1999 or early 2000.

The agreement discouraged the mall from bringing in new stores before Nordstrom opens. The amendment, however, makes the new leases beneficial, said Walker Kennedy, attorney for the Woodbury Corp., owners of the mall.

"(The amendment) will give the city more money and the mall more money," Kennedy said. "It's better for everybody to open the new stores this coming year."

Because the mall construction is ahead of schedule, Woodbury Corp. has also agreed to accept one less $975,000 payment from the city.

Kennedy said the Woodbury Corporation would not have agreed to the amendment unless it thought it could make up the money lost from the city.

City Manager Jim Reams said the new stores will generate $800,000 in sales tax revenue for the city before the opening of Nordstrom. Although the mall cannot collect this revenue until Nordstrom opens, Reams said the mall still has a chance of capturing a good share of the revenue.

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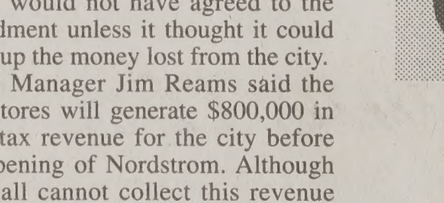

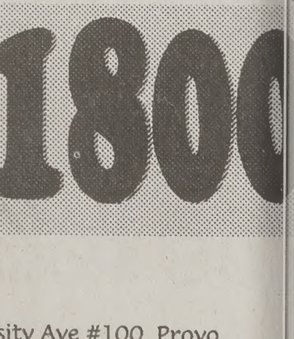

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"The downtown area is plenty slow; nothing lower, or it would be more difficult to control. With lower speed limits police would have to cite more people," Facet said.

Robin Stanley, secretary of the Lehi Chamber of Commerce, said the Commerce has even discussed moving the location of Main Street to help expand lanes. However, she said nothing has been finalized.

"It will kill the downtown district because of the lack of traffic. It will also make business lose money and move the center away from the small community atmosphere," Stanley said.

Semi-trucks parking overnight on Main Street are also a concern for some employees, Stanley said. She said this causes a problem for business patrons in the area.

Stanley said the trucks do not allow parking for employees in the area and also cause an obstruction of vision for cars trying to leave parking lots.

"We have asked the drivers to move from the street, but they say they do not have to move," Stanley said.

Facet said the trucks drivers must follow the same rules that apply to the residents.

If the law does not say anything about not parking on the street, then Facet said the drivers do not have to move.

Lehi location popular with builders, buyers

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A 192-unit apartment complex under construction near Thanksgiving Point is one of several affordable housing projects planned along I-15 near the point of the mountain.

Called Pilgrims' Landing, the development will be a mixture of apartments, condominiums and homes.

Although few residential developments are near Thanksgiving Point, Lehi estimates a growth increase of about 5,000 people within city limits during the next five years.

The 192-unit complex is part of Mayflower Harbor, one of the Pilgrim's Landing developments. Karen Anderson, administrative assistant for Mayflower Harbor's construction company, said the location for the project is attractive because it is a half-way point between Salt Lake City and Provo. Commuters only have to travel 20-30 minutes either way, she said.

Thanksgiving Point Institute President D. Clive Winn said he anticipated neighboring developments, including commercial and entertainment businesses and homes.

Winn said Thanksgiving Point's primary concerns about the new housing development were that it would be done in good taste, be visually appealing, and not be too high-density.

"Housing itself isn't bad or good," Winn said. "It's how it turns out that's important."

PSC Development President Peter Cooke called the incoming development a major project. Cooke said little communities are springing up because builders cannot build everywhere.

The first phase of the Mayflower Harbor project, which includes 50 apartments, is scheduled to be completed in April. About 30-40 apartments will be added every month thereafter and the project is scheduled to be completed by the end of the summer.

Youth court system aims to help teens

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A bill helping Utah teens avoid juvenile court and future criminal activity passed unanimously in the House Tuesday.

House Bill 64, sponsored by David Gladwell, R-Weber, provides for Utah's youth court system, previously set up on an ad-hoc basis.

"The youth courts are tremendously beneficial to minors who have committed minor offenses," Gladwell said. "They learn appropriate behavior, responsibility, and are required to make restitution."

The Department of Health reports the leading cause of death for 15-21 year-old-males is suicide. Of those, 65 percent have had some contact with the juvenile court system.

"They lose hope in the juvenile system," Gladwell said. "In a youth court, 90 percent of the kids involved never receive a criminal record."

In the youth court system, the offending minors are judged by a panel of their peers. Casey Clarke, judge for the Layton Youth Court, said the young people who are judged by their peers are turning their lives around.

"Someone came in one time with 20 or 30 truancies. She didn't think it was a big deal or that it would affect her dream to become a pediatrician. We gave her a fairly harsh sentence and when she came back two weeks later her whole attitude changed around," Clarke said.

Sentencing includes service hours, counseling, essays, letters of apology, and other measures deemed appropriate by the youth court.

One person with 30 plus truancies — because, she said, she couldn't get up in the morning — was sentenced to wake up at 6:30 every morning to give one of the youth court judges a wake up call. Layton Youth Court Chair Karlene Peart said the individual hasn't been late since.

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... families voted on whether to continue year-round school or move to extended days. Families with children attending Orchard Elementary, including families switching to Orchard because of recent boundary changes, participated in the voting process.

Superintendent Steven Baugh said 88 percent of the families voted for an extended day. Baugh said he was excited to see the parents who were not happy with the boundary change working to accept the situation.

"They're saying 'O.K., let's go forward and make this the best school possible,'" Baugh said.

Michael Robinson, Alpine School District public information representative, said both types of schedules are used to place more children in the schools and therefore increase the school's budget.

Robinson said parents disapproved of the year-round school because of the inconvenience of having children within one family on different schedules. He said planning family vacations can be difficult.

Melonie Mullen, a parent of Orchard Elementary School students, said she isn't against year-round school, but she doesn't like the particular schedule Orchard runs on.

Mullen said a teacher with a class of 36 students has only 28 students in class at one time. She said six students are always off track.

"It's really confusing. How can a teacher keep track of students who are missing things and on different levels?" Mullen said.

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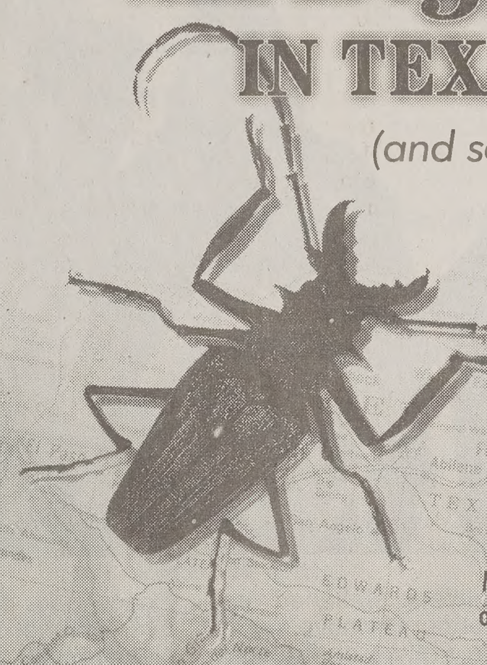

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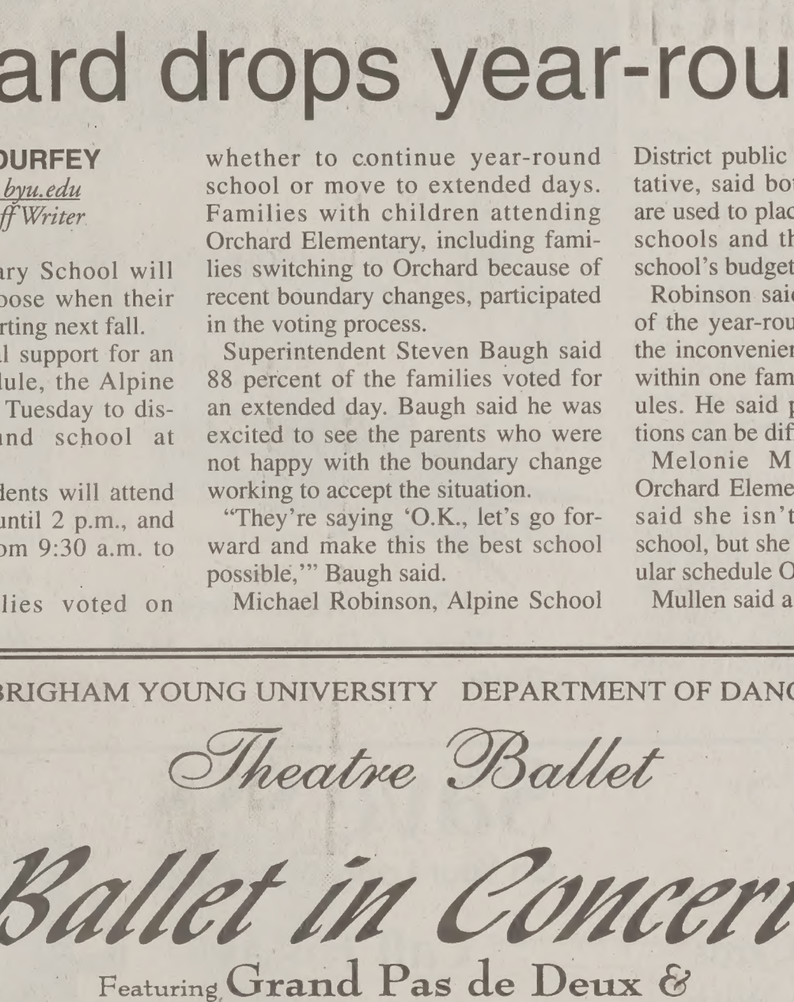

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Kosovo Liberation Army soldiers, stationed near the front line in Lapastica, northern Kosovo, read a report of the negotiations in France on Tuesday. Peace talks deadlocked Tuesday after a dispute over whether to keep Yugoslavia's borders intact. Nearly 2,000 civilians have died in the fighting.

Kosovo talks stalled

Associated Press

RAMBOUILLET, France — Rival Kosovo Albanians and Serbs remained deadlocked Tuesday over a pledge to keep Yugoslavia's borders intact, amid signs their peace talks already are heading for trouble.

Christopher Hill, the American who is leading the talks outside Paris, said the Serb and Kosovo Albanian sides were trying to sidetrack the proceedings with fresh demands.

Hill said negotiations "are moving ahead through very difficult territory."

"It's always good to encourage ideas, but sometimes the supply of them exceeds the demand," Hill said. "But what we want to do is work on the political settlement."

Apparently seeking to get the talks moving faster, British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook and French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine arrived in Rambouillet Tuesday.

In another bad sign for the talks, an ethnic Albanian rebel commander reportedly expressed concern about the conference, saying the Kosovo Liberation Army "cannot accept" the international proposal to end the conflict.

"There is no chance to change the present administrative borders," Commander Remi was quoted as saying by the Albanian-language daily Kosovo Sot. "So this proposal has specific limitations and as such, the KLA cannot accept it."

Hill said his plan, drafted by the United States and five European countries, does not envisage independence for Kosovo, a province in Serbia, the dominant republic in Yugoslavia.

"What we would like to see in the Balkans are borders that join the people rather than divide them," Hill said.

The mediators wanted to drop what they called "side issues" and move on to details of a peace settlement for Kosovo, where more than 2,000 people have died and about 300,000 have been driven from their homes in a year of fighting between ethnic Albanian secessionists and Serbian security forces.

The sides have remained so estranged that they haven't met face-to-face. A team of international mediators has been shuttling between rooms at the 14th century castle outside Paris where talks opened Saturday.

Hashim Thaci, political director of the rebel Kosovo Liberation Army who heads the Albanian delegation, called for "an immediate cease-fire agreement" between the warring factions in Kosovo.

There has been a shaky cease-fire since October, when American troubleshooter Richard Holbrooke worked out a deal with Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic.

But a formal cease-fire, signed by both sides, would amount to Serb recognition of the KLA — something Serbs have vowed not to do.

The two sides were forced to the negotiating table by the renewed threat of NATO airstrikes against Yugoslavia and further measures to cut off the KLA's arms supplies and financing.

Jordan people mourn

Associated Press

AMMAN, Jordan — In the end, it was she who comforted them.

At Amman's Ottoman-era Zahran Palace, an endless line of Jordanian women — in black Bedouin robes, in army fatigues, in chic business suits — came Tuesday to pay their condolences to Queen Noor, the American-born widow of their fallen king.

She didn't merely receive them; she embraced them.

The queen saw her husband's grave for the first time earlier Tuesday, when she and immediate family members gathered at the gravesite at dawn for private prayers.

Arab Muslim tradition mandates the separation of men and women during the most emotionally charged and religiously significant moments of funeral rites, and royal women are buried in a segregated section of the royal cemetery.

So Noor, the former Lisa Halaby, an architect from Washington, D.C., who took her husband's religion when she married him 21 years ago, was not present Monday when King Hussein's body was ritually washed and scented with musk, prayed over in the palace mosque, borne by mourners to the royal burial ground and lowered into a stone-lined grave clad in a simple white shroud.

The queen spent the funeral day largely sequestered, in the company of other royal women and visiting dignitaries, among them Hillary Rodham Clinton.

On Tuesday, however, the gates of the palace were opened to ordinary Jordanian women.

The 47-year-old Noor, tall and slender in a close-fitting black jacket and long black skirt, her pale face free of makeup, stood at the head of a royal women's receiving line, greeting a line of women stretching out the door.

As the women approached, she stroked their cheeks, cradled their faces in both hands, enfolded them in her arms, bent to peer intently into their eyes.

One stern-looking middle-aged army officer, in fatigues and a black beret, sobbed in the queen's arms.

The cloistered nature of the event made this striking outpouring possible. Only women were present, except for an elderly man in the corner: the royal incense bearer, in a crisp khaki uniform and red-checked kaffiyeh headdress, holding an elaborate brass censer.

"At an emotional time like this, people need to express their feelings and, because of public practices here, that is more easily and naturally done within the same gender,' of Jordan sociologist M said.

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King Abdullah's wife, not automatically receiv queen, which can only by Abdullah. And Jorda more than one woman title. Although Noor was next two days greeting received each woman a the first mourner.

Deseret Book to purchase Bookcraft, Inc.

NewsNet Services

An announcement made Tuesday by Deseret Management Corp., a business owned by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the parent company of Deseret Book, said that Deseret Book plans to acquire Bookcraft, Inc., combining the two largest LDS product manufacturers.

Deseret Management signed a letter of intent to purchase Bookcraft, although details of the transaction have not yet been finalized.

According to Bookcraft CEO and President Brad Pelo, the two companies have been discussing cooperative efforts since early December, chiefly due to the desire of both companies to provide products to the Christian marketplace in the United States.

Not mentioned in the Deseret Management news release is the difficulty that both companies face of the worldwide scope of the LDS Church.

With 10.4 million members worldwide, the companies are having a tough time reaching many members of the LDS Church, especially those that live outside of the United States.

The Deseret Management news release address the anti-competitive aspects of the merger, which will concentrate the majority of LDS product sales in just one company. While this will not necessarily mean higher prices, the companies will probablu combine products where the two companies have been products, such as with Bookcraft's Infobases CD-ROM which competes with Deseret Book's Gospel Link CD-ROM.

Old Israeli leaders ousted

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud Party handed him a present Tuesday he didn't ask for — it chose Sephardic Jews and a woman as its top candidates for parliament.

Netanyahu's hand-picked elderly leadership team was pushed aside in voting by the Likud Central Committee, while newcomers and outspoken Netanyahu critics were given top spots on the Likud slate for the Knesset, Israel's parliament.

Israelis vote with separate ballots for premier and parliament. The 120 seats in the parliament are divided among the parties in proportion to the number of votes each receives.

Silvan Shalom, 40, appointed a Cabinet minister last year, received the most votes, placing him second behind Netanyahu on the party election list.

Shalom was born in Tunisia and heads the list's strong representation of Sephardic Jews, whose family origins are in Arabic-speaking countries.

Sephardic Jews make up about half of Israel's population. In the past, many Sephardic voters have chosen Likud and its hard-line policies toward Arabs over the more moderate Labor Party dominated by Ashkenazi Jews of European descent.

Likud lost its showcase Sephardic candidate when Yitzhak Mordechai, the top vote-getter in 1996 Likud primary elections, quit last month to lead a new centrist party against Netanyahu.

Following his surprise victory, Shalom called on Netanyahu to add him to the party leadership before the elections. "Finishing first means the people want me at the top," he said.

Netanyahu's top ministers were the big losers. Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon was moved down to the seventh slot.

Justice Minister Tsahi Hanegbi, known as Netanyahu's enforcer, was expected to finish first. Instead, he finished 11th.

The results are not seen as rejection of Netanyahu by his party. Instead, it appears that the Likud representatives soured on the people around Netanyahu.

Sharon and Arens are both over 70 and of European background. The 2,700-strong Likud central committee preferred younger, Sephardic politicians and women.

Placing second and fourth were veteran Cabinet minister Moshe Katsav and Meir Shetreet, Netanyahu's parliamentary coalition chairman. Like Shalom, both are Sephardic Jews.

Third place went to Cabinet Minister Limor Livnat, despite rumors that Netanyahu wanted her left off the list because of their frequent clashes over policy.

5 murders lead to resignation

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's intelligence minister has resigned four weeks after his ministry admitted its agents were involved in the killing of dissidents.

President Mohammad Khatami accepted the resignation of Qorbanali Dorri-Najafabadi, thanking him for his "great efforts and services," the official Tehran radio reported today.

The president asked Dorri-Najafabadi to continue in office until his replacement is approved by parliament. Khatami said the government would no doubt benefit from his "knowledge, experience and ability in a different place and in a different and more appropriate capacity," the radio reported.

The president has appointed Ali Yunesi, the chief military prosecutor, to replace Dorri-Najafabadi, according to two newspapers with ties to the government.

There have been continuing calls for Dorri-Najafabadi's resignation since the Intelligence Ministry said Jan. 5 that some of its agents had been arrested in a spate of killings of writers and dissidents.

The disclosure intensified the rivalry between hard-line and moderate factions in the Islamic government.

Both sides have tried to distance themselves from the killings. The agents behind the killings are widely believed to be supporters of the hard-liners, who control the Intelligence Ministry.

The government has said "foreign elements" masterminded the killings. It denied that senior officers approved the slayings.

Nevertheless, Khatami's moderate faction has called for a purge of the Intelligence Ministry.

In his resignation letter to Khatami, Dorri-Najafabadi, 54, said he hoped his departure would bring about a more suitable atmosphere at the ministry and would not be a pretext for "vindictive enemies and uninformed friends" to harm the ministry.

"The hard-working employees of the Intelligence Ministry did not and will not approve of the recent tragic and unfortunate incidents that would make any honorable human being unhappy," Dorri-Najafabadi said in the letter. The text of the letter was broadcast on Tehran radio.

The first of the killings occurred in November. Dariush Foruhad and his wife, Parvaneh, who belonged to a minor opposition party, were found stabbed to death in their Tehran home on Nov. 22.

In the following weeks, the writers Mohammad Jafar Pouyandeh and Mohammad Mokhtari disappeared and their bodies were found dumped on the outskirts of the capital. They appeared to have been strangled. Both men had tried to set up a writer's association.

A third writer, Majid Sharif, was found dead after disappearing from his home.

Avalanches bury French homes

Associated Press

PARIS — Several chalets were buried under deep snow Tuesday when two avalanches hit a village just north of Chamonix in the French Alps.

The avalanches hit the village of Le Tour, near Argentiere, following heavy snowfall in the surrounding valley. The valley is a popular destination for skiers.

Police said two chalets were buried in the first avalanche and that a second avalanche hit many more. There has been heavy snowfall in the Haute-Savoie in the northern French Alps region since Friday.

"So far we've found two people alive," Michel Berg, secretary general of the Haute Savoie police force, told France Info radio. "We think there could be others inside the chalets or near the chalets who could be buried."

Snow blocked roads in the area, and rescue workers were struggling to reach the chalets. Poor visibility kept helicopters grounded.

Train services were canceled between Chamonix and St. Gervais because of fear of more avalanches. Several highways were also closed and people were advised to remain indoors.

Heavy snow has wreaked havoc throughout Europe since Friday. In Austria, helicopters struggled against the weather to deliver emergency food and medical supplies to areas that were cut off.

Thousands of tourists remained stranded by snow in the popular Tirol region.

In both Austria and Switzerland, authorities announced an acute avalanche alert and prepared to evacuate people from villages most at risk while warning other inhabitants to stay in secure buildings.

They imposed a general prohibition on all skiing off marked trails.

About 20 inches of new snow fell overnight in parts of Switzerland, adding to a blanket of some 5 feet since Friday.

Avalanches killed three people in Switzerland on Monday — including a couple in their restaurant.

Although skiers and snowboarders who veer off marked trails are killed by snow slides every year, experts said Monday's avalanche was the first time in more than a decade that an avalanche killed people inside a building in Switzerland.

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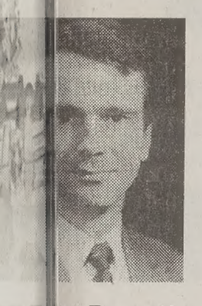

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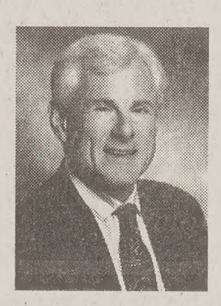

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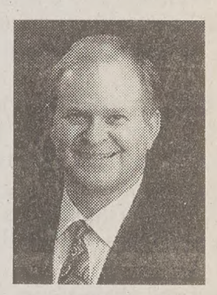

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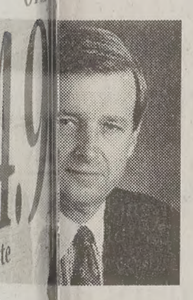

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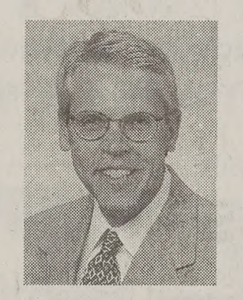

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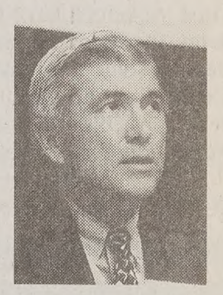

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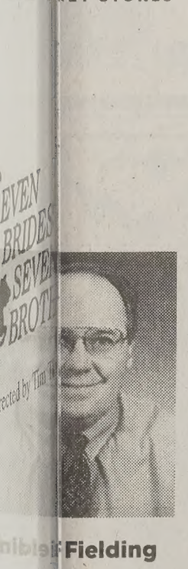

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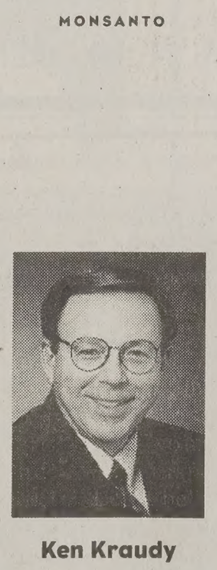

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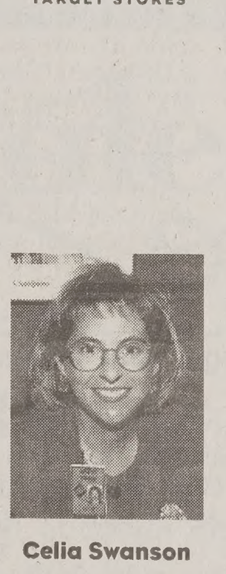

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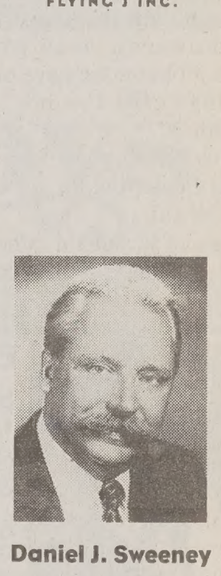

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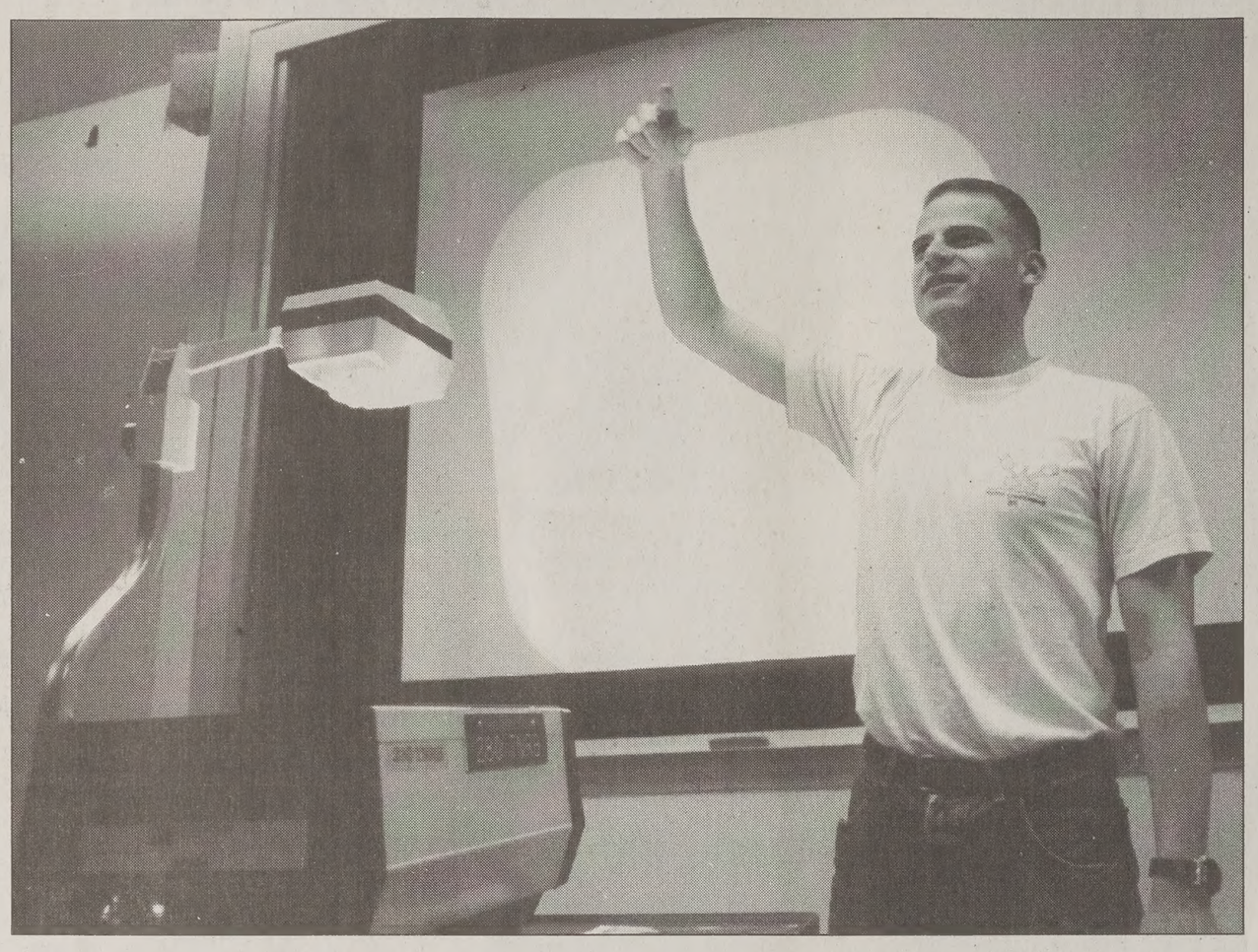

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Greg Peterson, co-president of the Investment Club, gives stock market tips at a meeting Friday in the Tanner Building. The Investment Club was organized to help students invest in the stock market.

For students who would like to get involved in the stock market but are hesitant, a new club at BYU says it has the answers — or at least some good ideas.

BYU Investment Club Co-president Greg Peterson, 24, a senior from Omaha, Neb., majoring in global economy, said many companies make money off certain myths that students have concerning investing.

"Y2K does not concern personal (investing). While the students hoard their money in bank accounts making only 3 percent, the banks are investing for 14 percent returns," Peterson said.

Peterson said this club is the first one of its kind on campus. He said he feels it should become an integral part of each student's life.

"We have all levels of investors. The purpose of our club is to give an open forum where students can find a marketplace of ideas for new investments," Peterson said.

Rachel Bouer, 18, a freshman from Twin Falls, Idaho, majoring in humanities, said investing is getting her through school.

"I have paid for tuition, housing and bought a personal computer — all from my gains from my stocks," Bouer said.

Bouer explained she had invested before joining the club, but since her enrollment in the club she has changed a few of her investments. She is also enjoying the club's online game.

A new online game at smartstocks.com by BYU Investment Club has made investing less of a risk with its no-loss format. This game uses a funny-money account that allows students to invest $1 million in the stock market. At the end of each month, the club member with the highest percentage-gain wins $100.

Norm Nemrow, a professor in the School of Accountancy, donated $250 for the online investment game.

"The stock market is hot; most of America is investing. This game is perfect for students to become familiar with the stock market without all the risk," Nemrow said.

Other students have started investing for the first time with the help of the club.

"I have just started investing these last few weeks from club information and I have made several hundred dollars," said Christopher Jackson, 22, a junior from Louisville, Ky., majoring in international studies global economy.

John Blatter, vice president of operations, said it is important that students come to the club meetings Fridays at 4 p.m. in 280 TNRB.

"It is a place where questions are answered. Students learn from other students and learn how to invest," said Blatter, 23, a senior from Danville, Calif., majoring in American studies.

Parker Jones, account representative from Morgan Stanley Dean Witter will speak at this week's meeting.

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Despite the love that surrounds Valentine's Day, most people would rather not get married at that time of year.

"I think it's kind of cheesy. Valentine's Day is probably more popular with older generations," said Lori Cox, 20, a sophomore from Grand Rapids, Mich., majoring in nursing.

"It isn't like it used to be. People don't choose that day anymore because flowers are three to four times as expensive that weekend," said April Gurr, a Wedding Shop employee.

Cherise Frehner, 23, a senior from Las Vegas, Nev., majoring in linguistics, said spring seems more popular for marriages because it is more symbolic than Valentine's Day.

"People have an idealistic view of marriage as a rebirth so they do it more often in the spring," Frehner said. Those who do get married over that weekend are often taking advantage of the long President's Day weekend. Sister Peck, a Mt. Timpanogos Temple worker, said Valentine's Day weekend is slightly more popular than other weekends.

"That weekend always goes fast. It is the third in line of the most popular times to get married, with Christmas and April as the most popular," she said.

Ilamae Barker, a marriage license clerk at the Utah County Courthouse, also notices the increase.

"There is a small increase in marriages at this time of year but it is mostly because of the longer weekend," said Ilamae Barker.

Convenience is more common than romance when getting married Valentine's Day weekend, said Emily Nielsen, a Bridal Center employee.

"People don't really shoot for that day anymore. They do it because it is a long break between Christmas and the end of winter semester," Nielsen said.

Ryan Hall, 23, a sophomore from McMinnville, Ore., majoring in computer science, is getting married Valentine's Day weekend to allow sufficient travel time for relatives coming to his wedding.Valentine's Day didn't motivate his wedding date, though their wedding will mark their one-year anniversary of when they met.

"We chose that day because of the significance of the day and so I wouldn't have to miss as much school," Hall said.

Brenda Simmons, 24, a senior from Spanish Fork, Utah County, majoring in wildlife and range resources, got engaged on Valentine's Day.

She said her fiance didn't plan to ask her that day, but that week his finances came through to get the ring.

"Valentine's Day probably will be special for me from now on, but not for him because he isn't really sentimental," Simmons said.

Center helps non-LDS students

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Honor Code violations have historically hindered the academic and athletic progress of some non-Latter-day Saint athletes, but the Counseling Center offers a possible solution.

"We're here to remove barriers from the lives of the students we work with," said Ron Chapman, director of the Counseling Center.

"We are required by law to keep the things we talk about totally confidential," he said.

Many BYU coaches are unaware that the Counseling Center exists or are unfamiliar with how it operates.

LaVell Edwards, head football coach, said, "I know we have one, but the workings of it I'm not totally familiar with."

Many coaches might know of the Counseling Center but do not consider it a helpful aid.

"I'm aware of it, but I'd rather they came to me," said Tim Powers, head swimming coach. "These students know what they're getting into when they sign to come to this school."

Because of the regulations that permeate the athletic programs on campus, coaches are required to report any Honor Code violation to the Honor Code Office immediately.

"If a player was having a problem," said Steve Cleveland, head basketball coach, "I would tell him that this is something that needs to be brought before the school."

Some students said it is sometimes difficult for non-LDS athletes to be educated about LDS lifestyle and beliefs.

"We take these religion classes every day. We are informed about the LDS society," said Margin Hooks, a BYU football player.

"Maybe the LDS society needs to be informed about other societies."

Many coaches said they encourage their non-LDS athletes to speak to their personal religious leaders, but that's not always what the athletes do.

"When athletes are having problems, they go talk to their friends and teammates," said football coach Brian Mitchell. "The key is not to try to assimilate them like baptism and things like that. The key is accommodation."

The Counseling Center is working on accommodating students of all backgrounds.

It has two non-LDS counselors, both of whom are interns.

"Preventive measures are the most important measures we can take," Cleveland said.

"Students will still make mistakes whether they are LDS or not."

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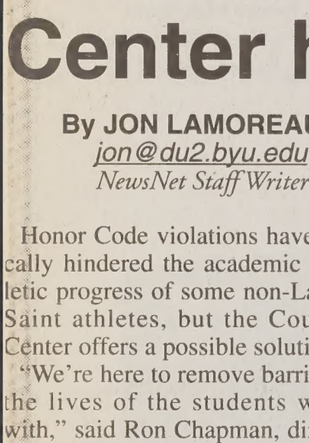

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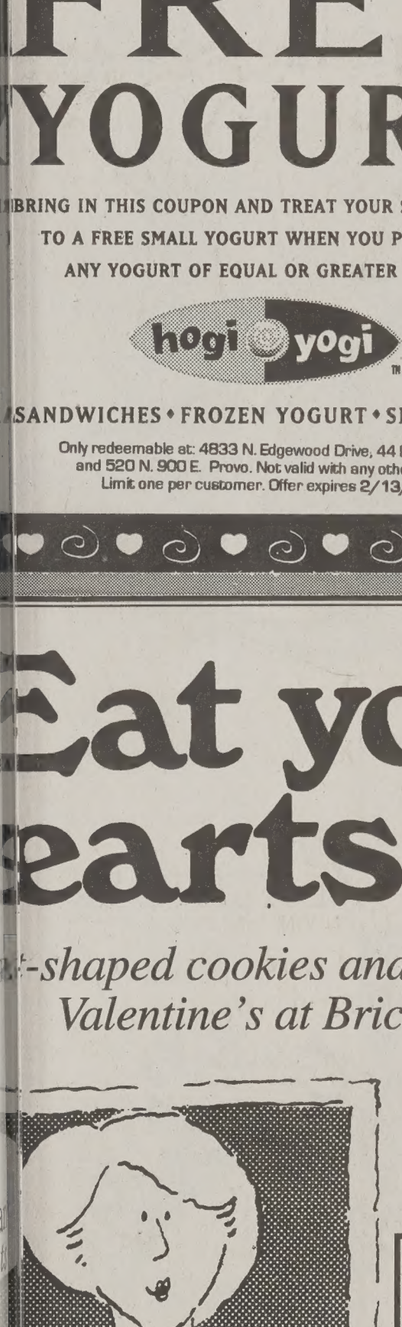

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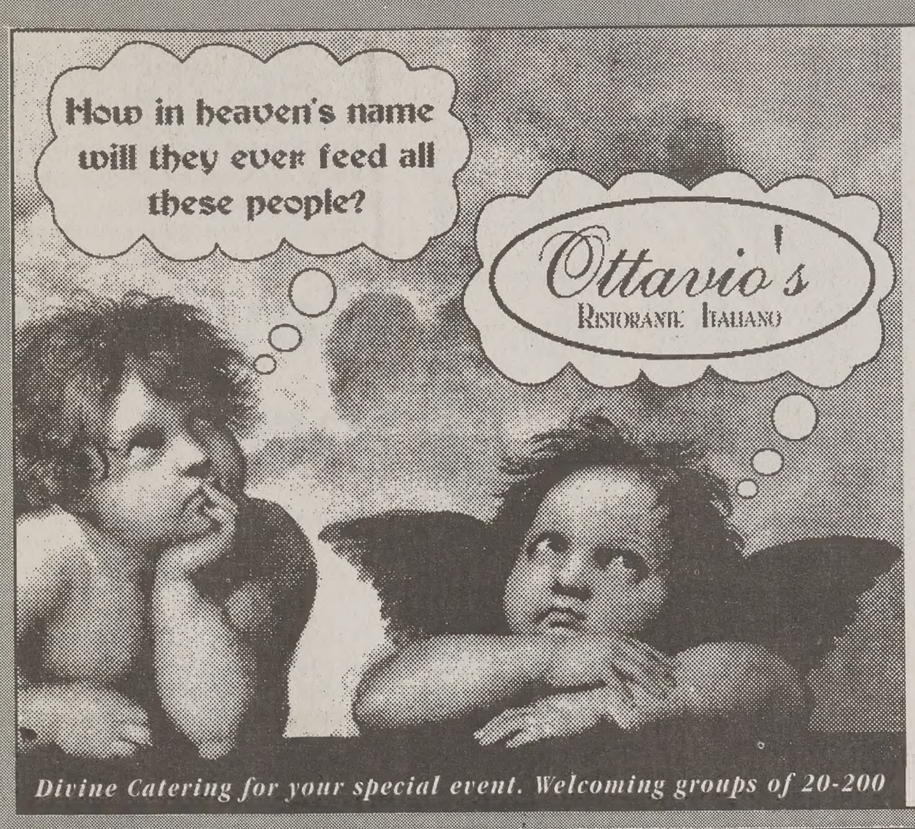

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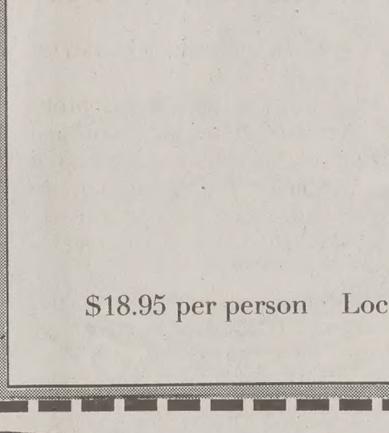

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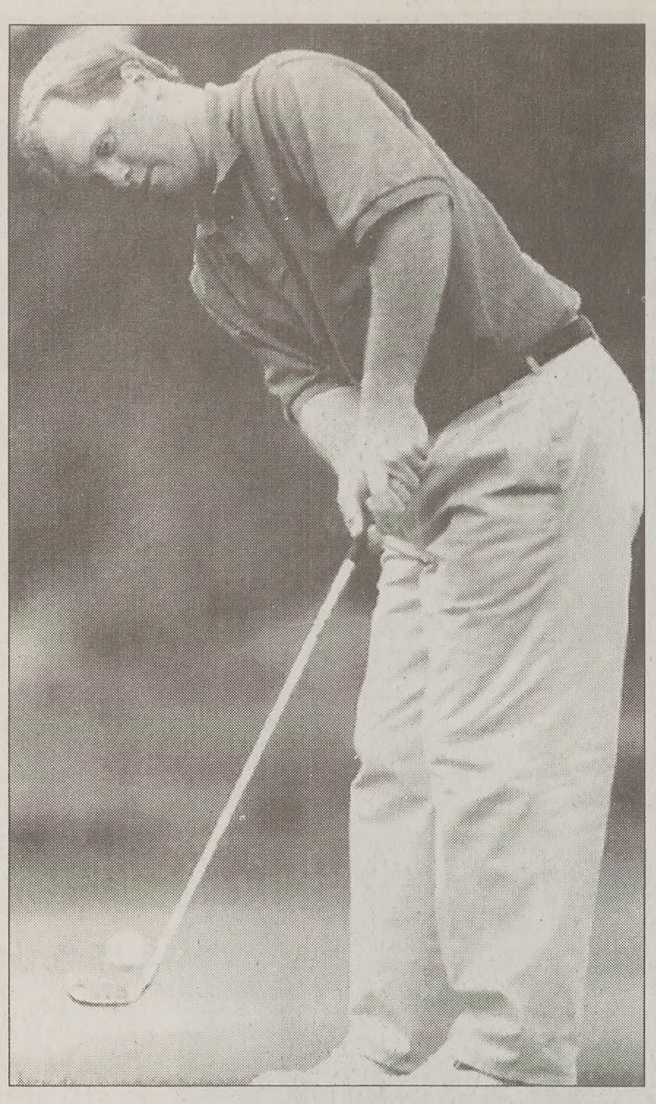

Lonnie John Damon, former BYU golfer, was killed Jan. 23 in a car accident in Oregon. Friends said they remember Damon for his lifelong interest in golf.

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Friends remember former BYU golfer

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A BYU alumnus, known for his award-winning golf swing, died in a car accident last month.

Lonnie John Damon, 26, of Bend, Ore., was killed Jan. 23 in a car accident. The accident occurred on the ice-covered lanes of Highway 22 between Detroit Lake and the town of Idahna.

Lonnie's' wife, Kelli Klaus Damon, was taken to Santiam Memorial Hospital in Stayton. She suffered minor injuries and was released.

Lonnie died with golf still in his genes. Both his father and his older brother, John, were golfers, said Patrick Damon, Lonnie's father.

Lonnie's golf talent was discovered by his family at a young age. He used to collect balls for a local golf course in exchange for a free bucket of balls to hit around while waiting for John to finish practice, Patrick said.

From then on, Lonnie's stroke only improved. He played for his high school team until he graduated from Mountain View High School in 1991. That same year he was ranked co-champion at the Oregon Class 4A Boys Golf Tournament and placed third in a national high school tournament, breaking school records, Patrick said.

Shortly thereafter, Lonnie was accepted to BYU on a golf scholarship, and once again he joined forces with his brother, John, under coach Bruce Brockbank.

Lonnie won two major college tournaments while attending BYU: the Fresno Lexus Classic and the ASU Sun Devil Tournament. He also received All-Western Athletic Conference honors and completed in the U.S. Amateur championships in both 1992 and 1994.

Brockbank speaks highly of Lonnie and the entire Damon family. He considers his time with them memorable.

"When I took Lonnie to represent BYU and the golf team, I knew he would give every ounce he could without expected anything in return. That kind of a player is hard to come by these days, but I knew that with Lonnie that is what I'd get," Brockbank said.

Before graduating from BYU in August 1996, Lonnie married Kelli Klaus in June. The couple moved to Bend, and Lonnie once again met up with John and worked on his golf swing, said John.

Lonnie made golfing his profession. He played it full-time, John said.

"He was always gracious, polite, helpful, loving, smiling, a great team player, and a real hard worker. He was someone that anyone would be proud to call their brother, son, husband or friend," John said.

A scholarship fund has been set up in Lonnie's name. Donations can be made at The Bank of Cascades in Bend.

Career Fair caters to Y studen

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The fourth annual Career Fair will be Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the atrium of the N. Eldon Tanner Building.

The fair is sponsored by the Institute of Marketing, Retail, Sales, and Services Department.

An estimated 32 companies will be coming to recruit for positions within their various companies.

"The three categories of companies visiting are business to business sales, financial services and retail," said Bill Price, director for the Institute of Marketing. "(The Career Fair) is growing in popularity to the point that we can't accommodate all of the companies that want to come."

Many of the companies that attend the fair set out to recruit from BYU specifically. Companies such as Wal-Mart, Sears, Payless Shoes and AT&T have said that they have been impressed with the caliber of students coming from BYU.

"It takes a lot of companies to pull off a fair like this," said Susan Famulary, program administrator for the Marketing Department. "We're lucky that companies think so highly of our students."

Students who plan to attend the career fair are advised to come equipped with a resume. The meetings allow students to speak informally with recruiters in a non-threatening environment.

"Students are beginning to realize that they are competing with graduates from other universities that have already done a co internships," Price said. "T the same experience with th lar companies.

"We have noticed that s grades increase after inter Price said. "They are more and are able to pay attentio texts better."

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Mayor to conduct forum at Y tonight

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BYU students and Provo residents are invited to attend an open forum with Mayor Lewis Billings tonight.

Billings has had a monthly "Mayor's Night Out" at different locations around Provo since he was sworn into office last January.

This month, he will speak to residents in the Varsity Theatre in order to make contact with BYU students.

"They are a big part of the community population," said Mary DeLaMare-Schaefer, director of community and governmental relations in Provo.

Schaefer said the forum is the best way for students and residents to meet and discuss issues with the mayor and other Provo department heads.

Provo Police Chief Greg Cooper said anyone can come to discuss Provo issues.

"This is a forum to communicate, whether people have positive things to say or comments on how we can improve the city," Cooper said.

Billings said he is interested in how the residents feel about the many issues the community faces and must deal with.

"It is important to communicate," Billings said.

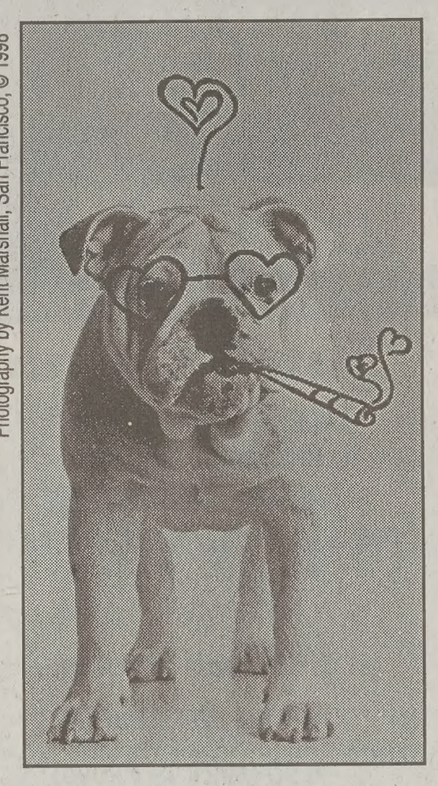
"People deserve to be heard. If we can't do what people want, they should know why we can't," he said.

He also said he wants to be accessible when people have concerns or ideas to improve the city.

"Our position is to be respectful and responsive," he said.

"There are a lot of good ideas out there."

The "Mayor's Night Out" will be tonight from 5 to 6:30 in the Varsity Theatre.



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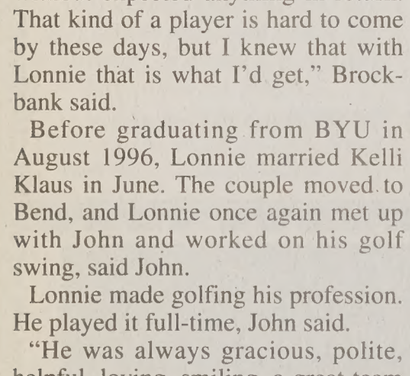

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Trinket members, from left, Jeffrey Fisher, J. Christopher Arrison, Brian Youmans, Tommy Salmon, Derry De Lamar, perform in the rock `n' roll band. Trinket released a new album Tuesday.

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tune's lyrics make you want to kick back, listen to the smooth guitar and fade away into your own little world. It is a deep song addressing feelings of being constantly overwhelmed and wanting to return to a state of innocence.

"Throwaway Culture" was another one of my favorites and is completely the opposite of thought-provoking. It's a very catchy song with an infectious beat and chorus. The repeated phrase, "living like this is almost my choice, limited but far from unaware. Fashion stands as a history, these feelings I never wanted to wear," becomes molded into your brain, and you catch yourself singing along without even trying. The five-member band hasn't always had such a smooth rock'n'roll sound. It wasn't until after their first album, "Your Head is a Shimmer," partially produced by Michael Stipe, that they decided to change their music.

The first album launched Trinket into the spotlight, and it immediately became a staple on the southeast music circuit. During this time, the band grew out of the cross between Jane's Addiction's Nothings Shocking LP and The Joshua Tree to the semi-glam rock band they are today.

Band members, singer Brian Youmans, drummer Derry De Lamar, guitarist J. Christopher Arrison, guitarist Jeff Fisher and base player Tommy Salmon, started their transition while playing clubs all over the country. They began listening to rock records like classic Rolling Stones, and the music started to move the band towards a rock element and less of a dissonant, U2-ish kind of sound.

With their new focus, the band spent the last five years on the construction of their new album. They saw a lot of road time in the process, opening for bands like The Verve Pipe and Sneaker Pimps, and playing large venues like Music Midtown.

Last year Trinket traveled the country on the ESPN X-Games Xperience tour, playing at local clubs along the way, including a noteworthy gig at A Day in the Garden show at the original site of Woodstock.

Trinket's melodies are fresh and a far cry from many of the sounds we've grown accustomed to. I'm sure we'll be hearing more in the future from this band that seems to be coming into its own. The group's passion for rock'n'roll is obvious. The songs are authentic, and the group members put their hearts and souls into giving us a great sound.

Youmans summed it up best: "To me, as a musician, it's what you have to do. You have to keep doing what your doing; keeping the cause alive and loving music."

Sundance to reduce student rates

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Sundance is offering reduced student prices and hosting special activities for college students this week.

Sundance College Fest '99 will be Thursday and Friday for all BYU and Utah Valley State College students.

Activities will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 7 p.m. both days.

There will be a mountain tour at 10 a.m. both days. Ski hosts will help students become more familiar with the trails and teach them the best places to go.

There will also be a free showing of Warren Miller's movie "Freeriders" at 5 p.m. Thursday in the Sundance Screening Room for the first 140 guests.

Additionally, there will be free barbecues at noon each day at the Creekside deck. Mari Turner, Sundance ticket office manager, said Sundance is sponsoring the activities to show gratitude to students.

"During the pre-season, we sold season passes to students for $100 less than to the public. We received a lot of support, and this is our way of saying 'thank you,'" Turner said.

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Turner said students will save $12.50 from the regular price for ski lifts and lunch. Lift tickets are regularly $29, and lunch usually costs $7.50, Turner said.

Tickets may be purchased at the Sundance ticket office or at Outdoors Unlimited in the Wilkinson Student Center. Students must show their student ID cards in order to receive the discount price and lunch, Turner said.

Students who have season passes may receive free lunches by showing their student ID cards at the Sundance ticket office. They will be given vouchers allowing them into the barbecue, Turner said.

"It's crucial that everyone brings their ID cards," she said.

According to Turner, this is the second year Sundance has sponsored the college days. Because of its success, the ski resort conducted the special event twice last season and plans to make it an annual activity.

Turner said the slopes will not be closed to the public, but Sundance writes "BYU" and "UVSC" in the snow near the ski lift so the public knows it is the students' day.

For more information, students can call the Sundance ticket office at 223-4849.

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By MARY FLEMING
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Multi-dimensional comedian Robert Post will perform "Here in America" in the Harris Fine Arts Center tonight through Saturday.

The performance will utilize a wide range of material, Post said. His pieces range from political satire to physical comedy to mime. Post said he doesn't fit neatly into any performance category.

"Every piece I do is different from the next," he said.

A review in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel said Post is a "world-class mime, a brilliant physical comedian, an intriguing writer and an inventive theatrical mind.".

The first half of the show will contain four short pieces about life in America. Post said the pieces range from a stunt pilot enactment to a parody of a father teaching his son to drive.

Post will also perform a murder mystery in which he plays all six characters.

Post's trademark is his physical style of body graphics, according to a news release. He uses his hands, arms and body to create characters.

In the second half of the show, Post will perform "Just Another Head." He said it is a puppet show without the puppets. Post uses his head to act out the various participants.

Christina Davis, 21, a senior from Pepperell, Mass., majoring in theater, said Post is a comic genius.

"He creates the perfect timing with the original characters he portrays," Davis said.

Post said the key to real comedy is finding humor within because it allows a person to transfer the humor to the character being portrayed.

He said his best work flows when he doesn't take himself seriously.

Post's characters include a presidential chef in "Private Zeno." Zeno, donning angel wings, travels all over Washington D.C. with his cooking table.

Post said Zeno is being chased by aliens because he's figured out what the real problems are in government.

While discussing lawyers, Zeno takes two cooking mitts and places the openings together, with one upside down. The shark form created illustrates Zeno's point. Post said the piece is open to a lot of interpretation.

Though comical in nature, Post said his show is a little too much for children.

He does a family show, but he said this one is more sophisticated.

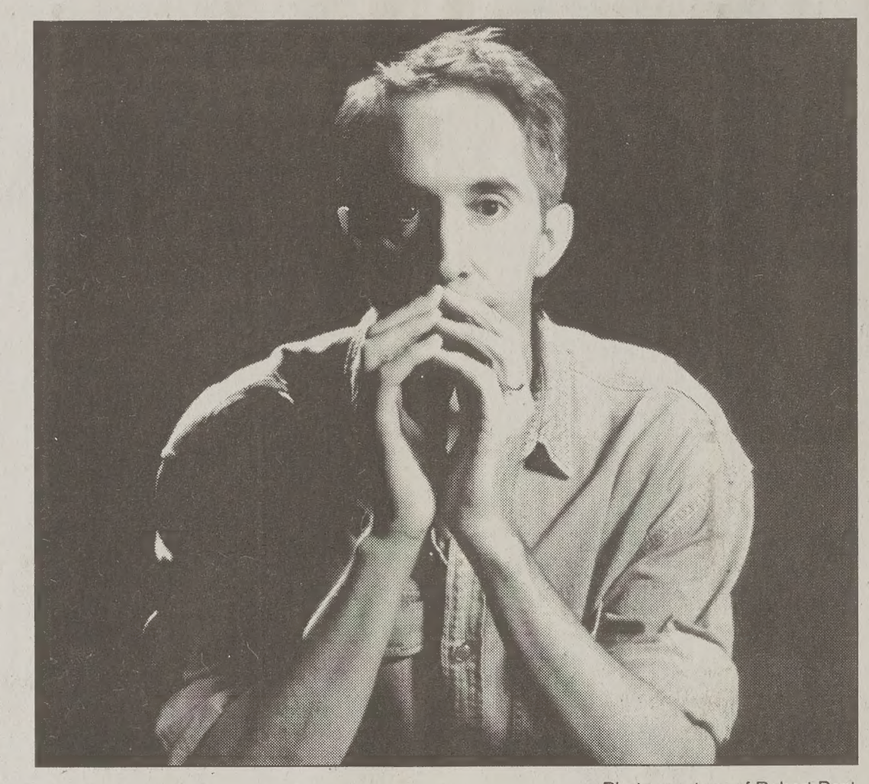
Post has performed for 25 years, and he said he owes his success to a college English teacher who inspired him.

He has a Public Broadcasting Service tape of his work that has aired nationally on several stations.

Post will perform in the Pardoe Drama Theater of the HFAC at 7:30 p.m.

Ticket prices are $8 for students and faculty and $10 for general admission.

For more ticket information or reservations call 378-4322.



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Comedian Robert Post's trademark is his physical style of body movements. He uses his hands, arms and body to create characters.

Park City to be host of winterfest

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A winterfest celebration will be in Park City on Saturday which will include a snow sculpture contest, dog sled races, snowshoeing and saucer races.

Coca-Cola is sponsoring the snow sculpture contest and is giving awards to different categories of contestants, including professional builders and architects, schools and churches and children under 10 years old.

The contest will begin at 8 a.m. Judges will begin their evaluation at 2:30 p.m. and announce the winners an hour later.

The sculptures will remain on display in the city for as long as the weather permits.

Shawn Stinson, director of communications for Park City, said he believes the day will turn Park City into a "winter wonderland."

"The day will offer fun for the whole family, and we are excited to see what sculptures are created to decorate our city," Stinson said.

The winterfest is being hosted by Mountain Trails Foundation and will offer scheduled events from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Different contests and activities will be held for all members of the family.

In addtion to the activities, demonstrations will be given for snow education.

The Norwegian School of Nature and Life will give demonstrations in snow cave building. Other demonstrations will be given in cross country skiing and avalanche safety.

Park City resident Marina McLeod, said she is excited about the festivities that will take place.

"Park City is a quaint little town and it attracts a lot of people who like the small town atmosphere," McLeod said.

"This is my first year in Park City and I can't wait to see how the snow sculptures will change the city aesthetically.

"The people here are very friendly and enjoy participating in family-oriented events. I think the day will have a big turn out and I personally can't wait to see the enormity or the statues," McLeod said.

Ryan Miller, a sophomore from Laguna Beach, Calif., majoring in theater production, said he hopes the event will draw others from the area.

"My family and I go to Park City every winter and summer and that town has a great sense of community," Miller said.

"Events like this always promise to be enjoyable, even for college students. Snow sculpting has interested me for quite some time and I plan on entering the contest, too," he said.

For more information Park City's winterfest event, call (800) 453-1360 or (435) 649-6100 or visit the Park City Chamber and Visitor's Bureau.

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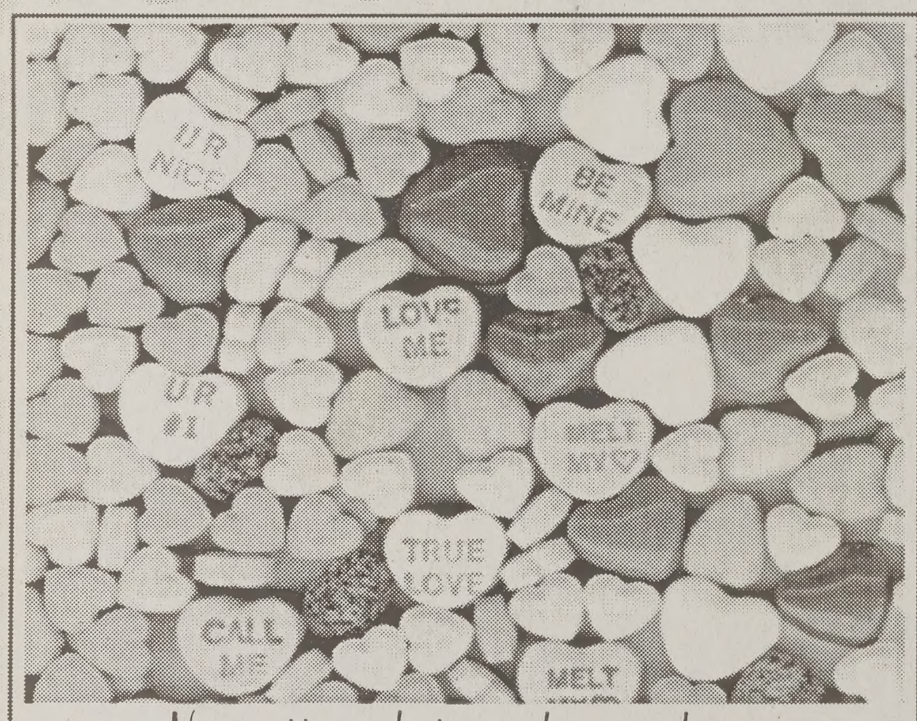

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Pieces beginning to fall into place for Browns

Associated Press

CANTON, Ohio — With bronzed Hall of Fame busts of Jim Brown, Lou Groza and Leroy Kelly reminding them of their rich NFL past, the new Cleveland Browns began building with no-name players.

Priming for their return this season after a three-year absence, the Browns selected Detroit center Jim Pyne with their first pick in Tuesday's NFL expansion draft.

Pyne, 27, started all 16 games for the Lions last season after spending his first three years with Tampa Bay. His versatility made him attractive to the Browns, as did his salary cap number of $1.885 million.

The NFL required the Browns to take 30 to 42 players or spend 38 percent ($21.77 million) of their salary cap ($57.288 million) on players they take in the expansion draft.

More than 4,000 fans, including members of the famed Dawg Pound, were on hand for the 2 1/2-hour, made-for-television event.

Tyson may fight while in slammer

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Mike Tyson can resume his boxing career while in jail, but he'll need the permission of the judge who sentenced him.

The former heavyweight champion can begin training at a gym outside jail if he behaves during the first two months or so of his one-year sentence for assaulting two motorists, Montgomery County, Md., officials said Tuesday.

But if Tyson wants to travel out of state to fight, he would have to be cleared by District Judge Stephen Johnson.

"If he wanted to have a fight, they would petition the judge," prosecutor Douglas Gansler said.

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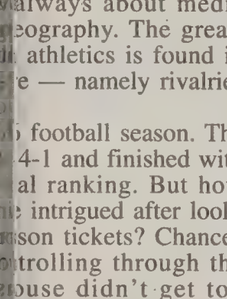

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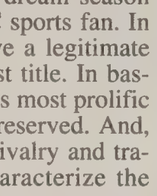

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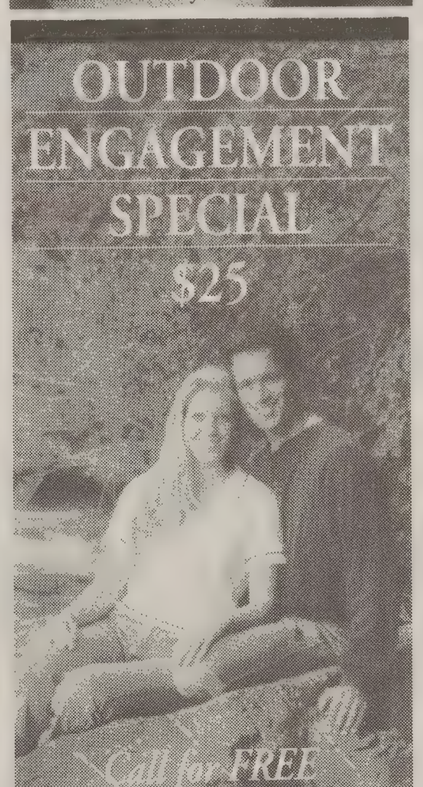

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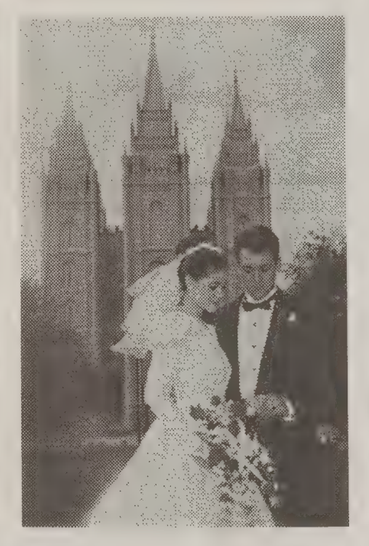

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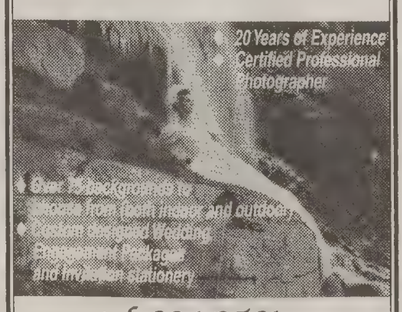

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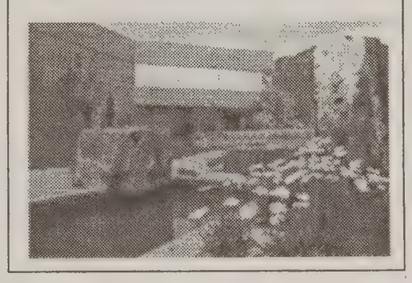

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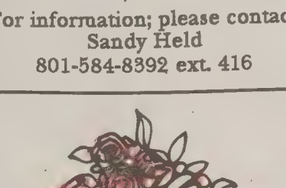

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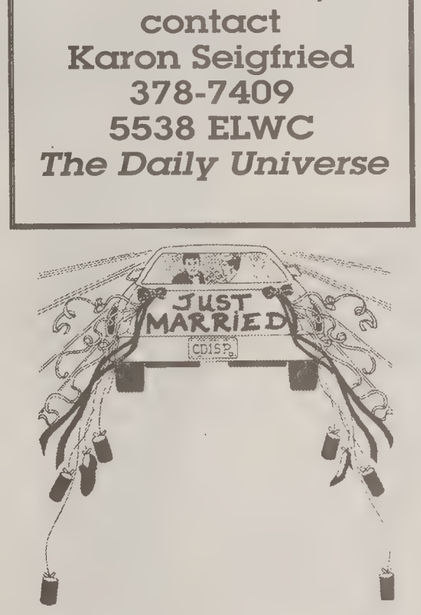

Baseball heads south for tourney

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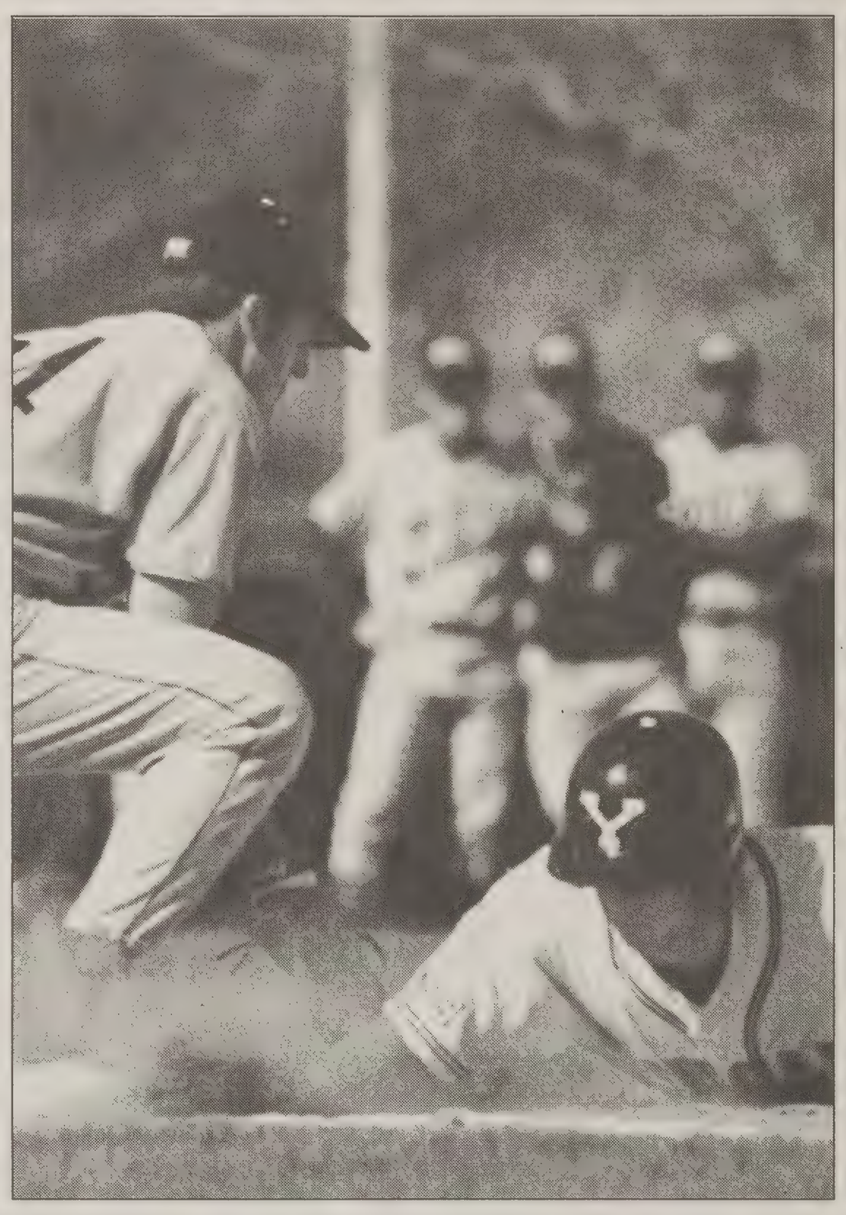

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Former BYU baseball player Troy Farnsworth slides to avoid the tag of TCU's David Walace during a BYU home game last March. The Cougars begin play in the Dixie Tournament in St. George today.

BYU catcher Michael Davies has been a bit disgruntled as of late, and with good reason.

The BYU baseball team is picked to finish in the lower bracket of the WAC this season, in the No. 9 spot. Granted, the Cougars missed last year's WAC tournament by one game and lost 14 lettermen from the 1998 squad. But No. 9?

"I feel like we have something to prove," Davies said. "We were ranked pretty low. A lot of people don't expect us to do well."

BYU will have that opportunity this week when it travels to St. George to co-host its second annual Dixie Tournament with Dixie College. Five four-year colleges and four junior colleges will attend the tournament that begins today and runs through Saturday.

The Cougars will face Southern Utah, Mesa State and Lewis-Clark State once and Washington twice.

"This is a great field of teams in a delightful location," BYU coach Gary Pullins said. "This is a perfect venue in an ideal baseball Mecca.

"This is an opportunity to play quality competition. It's the only way to find out if we can compete and improve."

The true test will come when BYU is matched up with Washington, which is ranked 20th by Baseball America and will make its season debut at the tournament. The two teams will meet Thursday and again on Saturday to close out a double-header.

First baseman David Jensen, who was named WAC Baseball Player of the Week, said the team is looking forward to playing the Huskies. The 6-foot-3 freshman hit 8 for 11, including four doubles and a home run in his first three games.

"It's a challenge, but it's exciting," he said. "We always like to have some competition like that. We feel like we can play with anybody in the country."

Davies, a native of Olympia, Wash., said playing against the Huskies will be a grudge match for him.

"It's kind of like going home for me," he said. "I've played a lot of the guys on the team before."

The trip will also be familiar territory for three other players. Outfielder Kyle West and pitchers Jeremiah DeLlamas and Sean Noorda were on last year's Dixie team that advanced to the Junior College World Series.

The Cougars have already given critics a sneak peek at what lies ahead this year with impressive offensive numbers. Aside from Jensen, senior Ryan Pond is batting .545 at the plate and is on a 10-game hitting streak, including last season. As a team, BYU boasts a .406 batting average.

BYU enters the tournament at 2-1 on the season.

Weather reports end golf pro-am

Associated Press

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — The PGA Tour would have been better off consulting Bill Murray instead of relying on another ominous weather report at Pebble Beach.

"I'd keep playing," he would have said, reprising his famous line from "Caddyshack." "I don't think the hard stuff's going to come down for quite a while yet."

And this time, he would have been right.

Lightning struck again at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, and not just because the tournament failed to go 72 holes.

For the second time in four years, tour officials considered a soggy, sloppy course, contemplated a forecast for even more rain and decided to pull the plug.

And just like 1996, it proved to be a rash decision.

The day after the '96 tournament was canceled because only 36 holes had been played — the first time that had happened since the 1949 Colonial — sunshine bathed the Monterey Peninsula and Pebble Beach Golf Links was open for business.

This year's tournament ended at 2 p.m. Sunday after tour officials huddled around a hi-tech radar screen and saw a storm system that stretched all the way from Carmel Bay to the coast of Japan.

"If we had one comment from our meteorologist that said I think you will see some sunshine tomorrow, that you wouldn't have more rain, we would definitely have been trying to play more," PGA Tour tournament director Arvin Ginn said Sunday.

One problem.

Weather, especially at Pebble, is nothing like death and taxes.

On Monday, after Payne Stewart had already taken his crystal and $540,000 first-place check home to Florida, the first group teed off at 7:30 a.m. Tees dotted the fairways, a reminder of what could have been. They had been left there by David Duval, Tim Herron, Vijay Singh and everyone else who had to mark their balls when play was suspended.

By 10 a.m., about the time Stewart could have been finishing the first hole, the sun blazed through the clouds.

"I never thought I'd say this today," said Steve Wille, a senior vice president for Pebble Beach Co., "but the truth is I lost a ball in the sun."

The wind was whipping, gusts up to 30 mph, perfect conditions for a final round at Pebble Beach. By noon, rain could be seen a mile off Carmel Bay. It didn't last long, nor did it create so much as a puddle on the greens.

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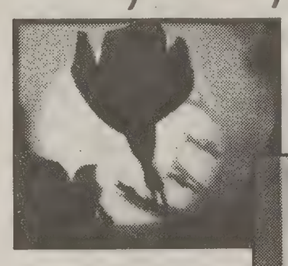
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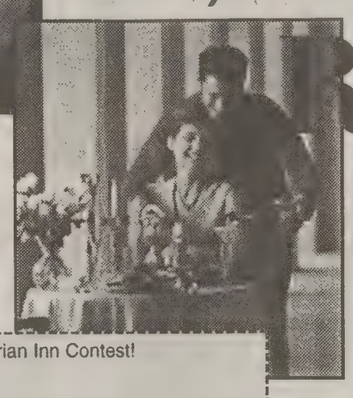
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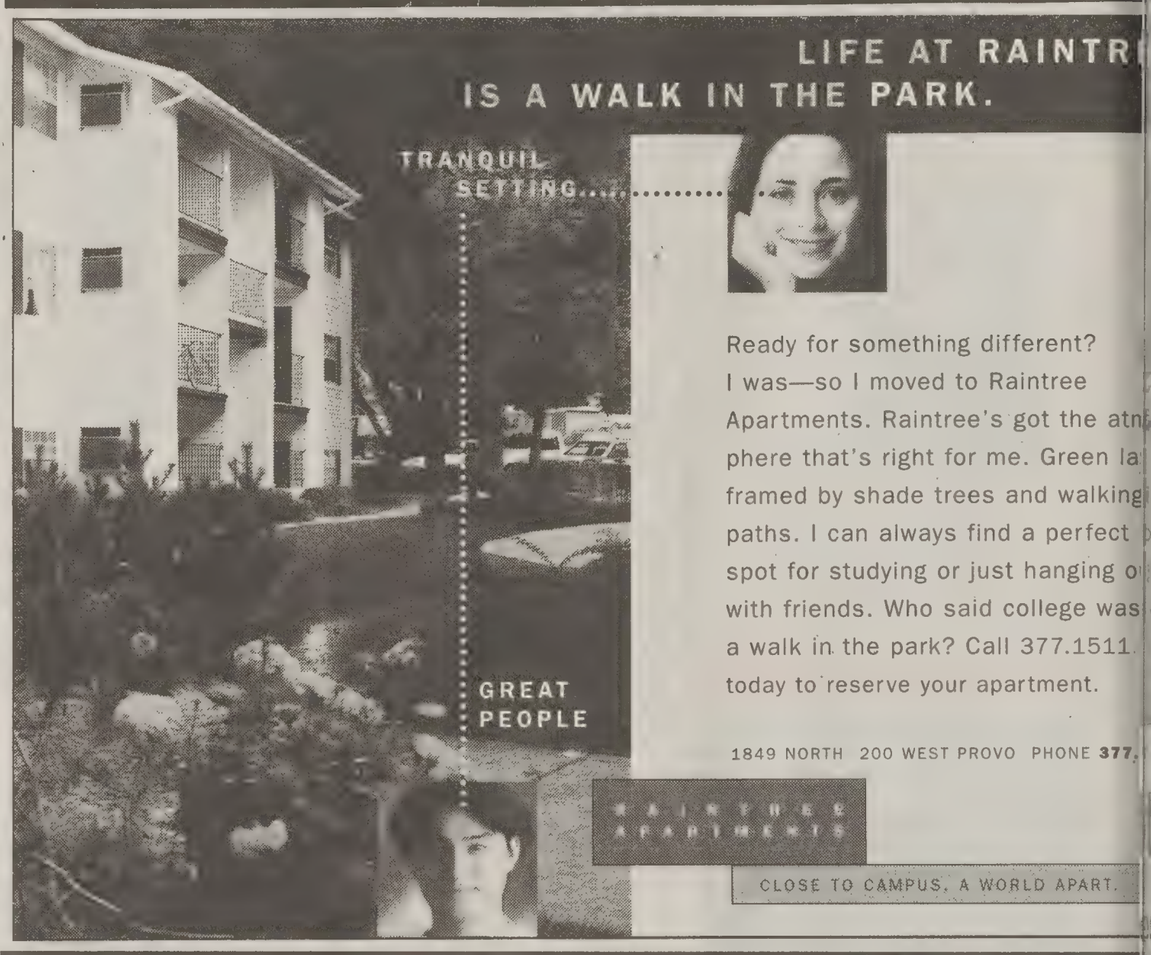
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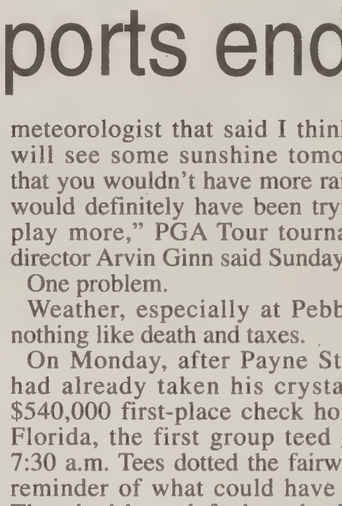
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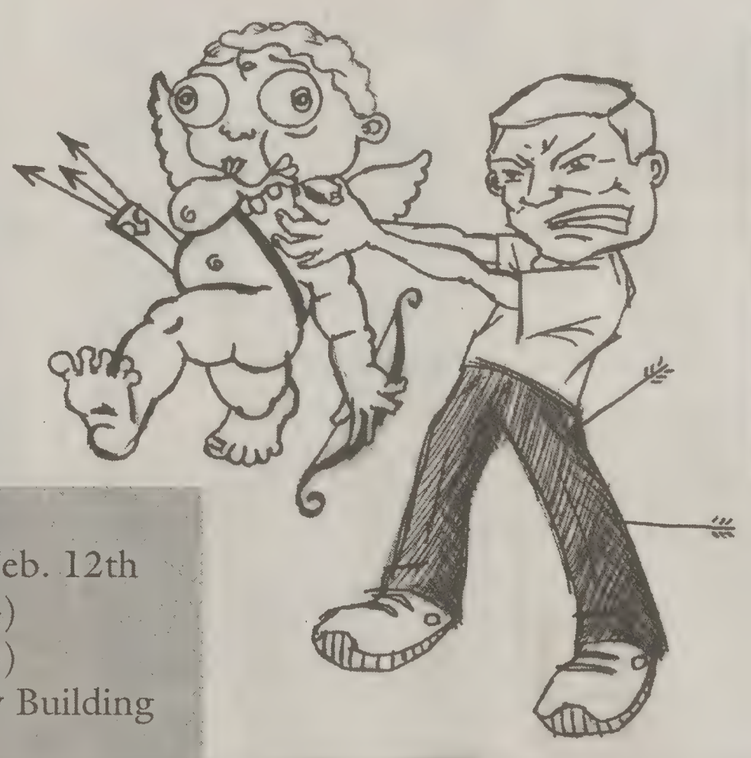
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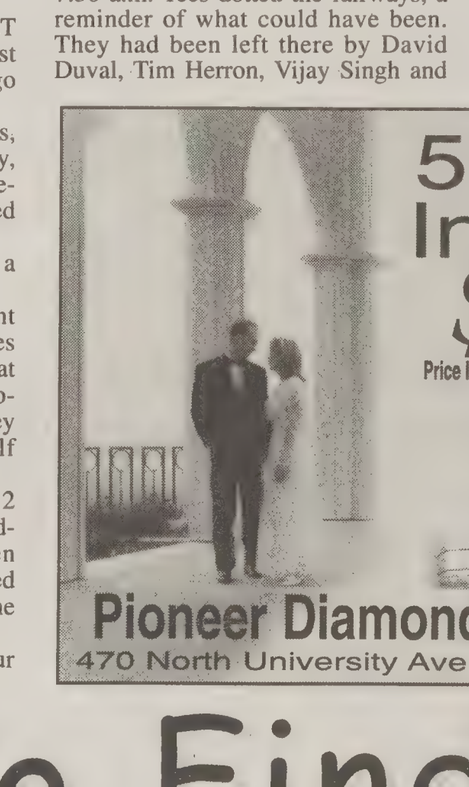
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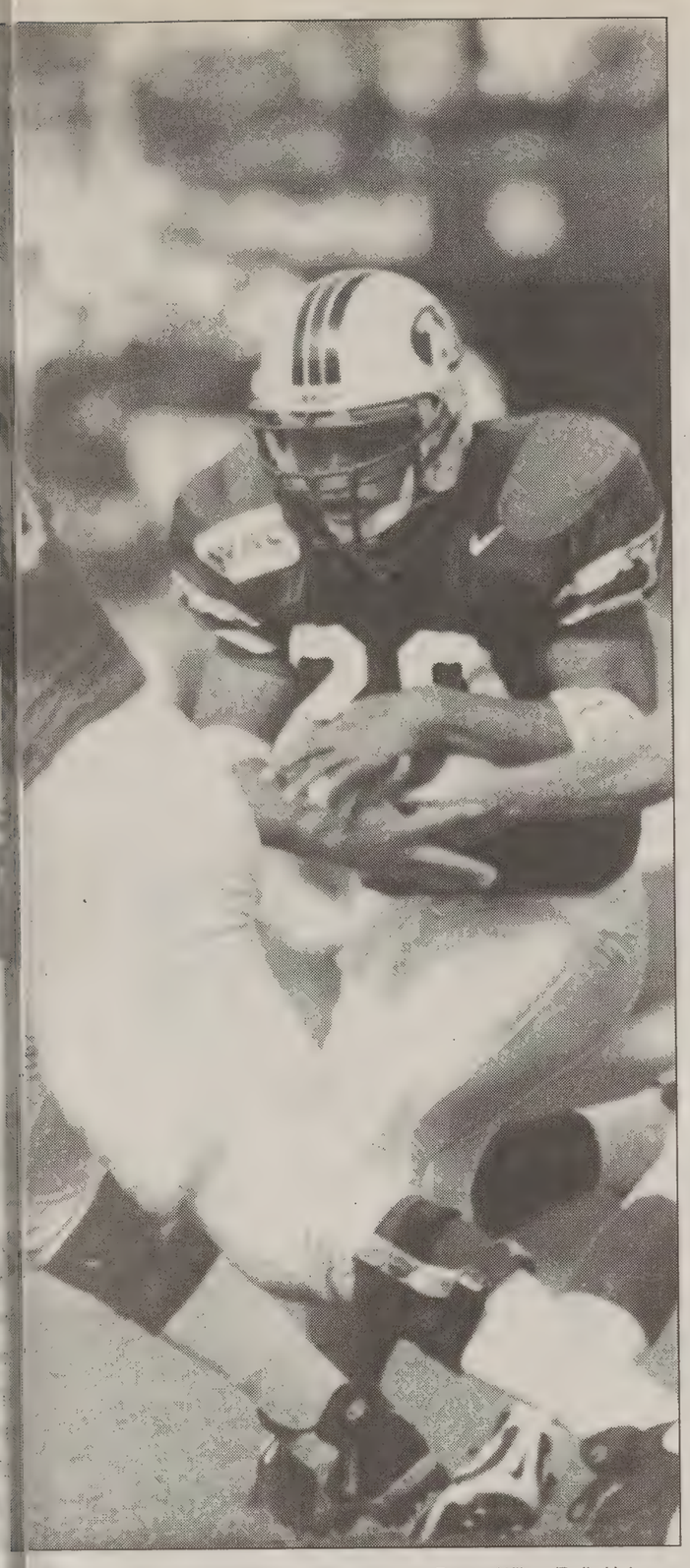

Junior Mahe takes a handoff in a game October 24, 1998 against San Jose State at Cougar Stadium. Mahe was BYU's second leading rusher as a freshman last season. BYU coaches are hoping some of their 1999 recruits will contribute as much as Mahe did in 1998.

Darren Wilcox/Daily Universe

1999 BYU Football signees

Name	Pos.	Ht/Wt	Hometown
Josh Archibald	OL	6-3/360	Gearhart, Ore.
Matt Berry	QB	6-5/218	Redmond, Wash.
Colby Bockwoldt	LB	6-2/200	Sunset, Utah
Cameron Chow	DB	6-1/200	Provo
Eugene Childs	WR	6-1/170	Los Angeles
Mike Clark	P	6-2/205	Centerville
Brett Cooper	WR	5-11/180	South Ogden
Kurt Elliott	DB	6-0/170	Gig Harbor, Wash.
Alex Farris	DB	5-11/190	Glenn's Ferry, Idaho
Cody Fonnesbeck	WR	5-9/155	St. George
Jeremy Gillespie	TE	6-5/240	Orem
Jernaro Gilford	DB	6-1/175	Hawthorne, Calif.
Chris Hale	DB	5-9/170	Orem
Michael Laffitte	DB	5-7/160	Peoria, Ariz.
Ammon Mauga	LB	6-0/207	Oceanside, Calif.
Devian Mims	DL	6-2/290	Waco, Texas
Bristol Olomua	TE	6-5/210	Laie, Hawaii
Lance Pendleton	DB	6-0/170	St. George
Robert Ramirez	DB	5-9/185	Avondale, Ariz.
Lance Reynolds	LB	6-1/215	Provo
Brian Sanders	OL	6-3/345	Mira Loma, Calif.
David Sollami	OL	6-4/270	Claremont, Calif.
Lucas Staley	RB	6-1/214	Tualatin, Ore.
Fahu Tahi	RB	6-0/233	West Valley City
Eric Watterson	RB	5-10/180	Logan
Justin Williams	LB	6-2/225	Riverside, Calif.

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Among the freshmen Chow said the Cougars may expect to make an immediate impact are a pair of running backs and a tight end.

According to Chow, running backs Lucas Staley, from Tualatin, Ore., and Fahu Tahi, from West Valley City, should see playing time. Bristol Olomua, a tight end from Laie, Hawaii, should also see time as part of the Cougars' offense.

Staley, who was selected by USA Today as Oregon's player of the year, averaged over 300 yards rushing in his four playoff games at Tualatin High School. Tahi, named Utah's player of the year by USA Today, had over 5,700 yards rushing during his four years at Granger High School.

The lone quarterback among the group is Matt Berry, from Eastlake High School in Redmond, Wash. The 6-foot-5-inch Berry was named an All-American by Prep Star magazine and was ranked by Prep Star as the fifth best quarterback recruit from the west.

Despite the strong class, Chow knows that the Cougars have to be realistic with their expectations.

"They are very good football players," he said. "They're very heavily recruited, but if you depend strictly on your freshmen class, your program is probably not in very good stead. This is a good football team coming back."

According to Chow, the reasons players come to BYU are as unique as the individual players.

"Everyone is different so there is not any one reason they come here," Chow said. "There are lots of reasons they don't want to come here and lots of reasons why they do.

"We talk to the right guys and find what key to push. Is it the mother, is it the girlfriend, is it the spiritual background? Whatever it is, you find it."

Also among the group are four players from the Orem-Provo area, including Chow's son, Cameron. Chow said these players will give the team a local flair, but admits that they don't expect them to contribute right away.

The Cougars are scheduled to start spring workouts March 5. The Spring Game is scheduled for March 27 at noon. Chow said spring workouts are important to the team and help the coaches a great deal.

"Spring time is a time when you make a lot of decisions," he said. "We're anxious to get going and back on track."

The Cougars begin their regular season Sept. 9 when they host the University of Washington.

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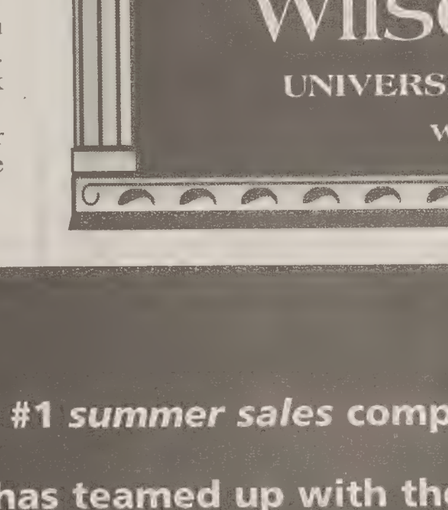
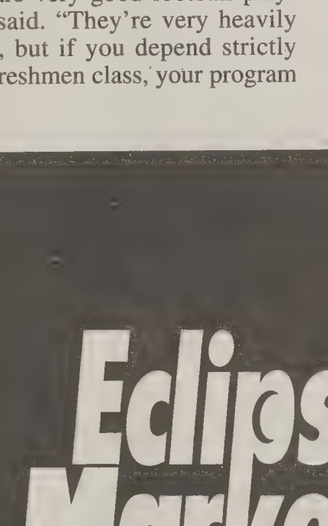
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4-Another favorite happens to be the couples who met as children. Kristie Yorke, 21, met her future husband, Barth, when she was 10 years old. They did not like each other. When they were both 15, their families went on a joint camping trip, where they met again for the first time. When Kristie turned 16, she went on her first date with Barth; they continued dating through high school and while Barth served a mission in Brazil. Nineteen days after Barth returned from his mission, they were engaged.

3-Brandon and Emily Bonham met in a laundry room. Several months earlier Emily's cousin worked with Brandon and told him he should go out with her cousin Emily, even going so far as to give him Emily's phone number. Brandon did nothing about it until about six months later when he found the phone number and decided to call — he discovered that she lived in the same apartment complex and at that moment she was in the laundry room. He ran down to the laundry room and found her.

2-An exciting first meeting is one that takes place twice. Brandon Richards walked into Foundation for Ancient Research and Mormon Studies one day and met Claire Aston for the first time. They talked for 15 minutes, and the next day Claire went home to Australia for two months before serving a mission. They did not exchange any information, so Brandon tracked her down and they wrote throughout her mission. When she finished her mission and returned to Australia, they talked on the phone almost every day and they decided to meet at his home in California a few days before the new semester began. Claire flew out early and met Brandon again for the first time. Now, two years later, they are engaged to be married in April.

1-The number one favorite meeting is of William Plumb, 22, and Karielle Meyer, 20. Willie and Karrie met in pest control training a year ago. Willie's roommate was hitting on Karrie at the time, and Karrie was not interested in either of them. Willie thought she was beautiful, but the thing that hooked him was when during a break in the training, Willie and his roommate were walking down the hallway behind Karrie and they yelled some comment to her, at which she turned around and looked at them, then turned back around and performed a short "butt dance." They are now engaged.

Reality can fall short of dating ideals

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Many BYU students are getting a smack of reality when it comes to the opposite sex. Often physical characteristics, personality traits, and dating situations fall short of preconceived ideals.

"So far reality licks," said Misty, 19, an English major.

Misty is looking a "perfect mate" who is a fan of Bon Jovi and has a dark complexion and a sense of humor, she said. Misty is also an advocate of hiking dates, she said.

However, she has yet to find an actual boy who can check off every box of her list.

She often finds herself stuck with a "pasty-white" guy, who wants to discuss "cultural events" and the meaning of life over the typical dinner and movie.

But through it all, she has learned to accept the fact that she'll probably never find a guy who is dark, funny, and looks good in leather pants.

"It's important to compromise. No one is perfect," Misty said.

Melinda, 19, a math teaching major, has suffered a similar fate. She looks for a boy who is lean, macho and has a good amount of body hair. For dates, Melinda enjoys theatre and outdoor activities.

> ***"Dating is frustrating, because everyone has different likes and wants. But as you get to know each other you learn to adjust."***
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> *— Joe, 24-year-old student*

On the weekends, though, you won't find Melinda with the person or at the places she described.

Bulging-muscled boys without a speck of chest hair seem to seek Melinda's companionship, she said. Melinda has endured many boring movie theaters "suffocating" next to a guy "soaked in cologne."

Most of the time boys have either the appearance or the personality, Melinda said, but no one can have it all.

"Things like looks you have to compromise on, but as far as standards you don't have to settle for less," Melinda said.

Female students aren't the only ones seeing the vision of their dream mate fade away.

Joe, 24, a design major, is on the hunt for a girl with mysterious eyes, "marathon legs" and a wide spectrum of interest. Joe also wants someone who can have fun just going to a bookstore or a seafood buffet.

But lately when he looks into a girl's eyes, mysterious isn't what he sees.

"Why are you talking to me?," is the message Joe says many girls seem to be communicating. He also said most dates have been spent with uninteresting "5K" girls at parties.

"Dating is frustrating, because everyone has different likes and wants. But as you get to know each other you learn to adjust," Joe said.

Benjamin, 21, an open major, agrees.

"It would take a miracle to find the perfect girl," he said.

Benjamin says he likes girls who are nice, well-proportioned and intellectual.

A lot of girls come close, but the ideal one isn't exactly easy to come by, he said.

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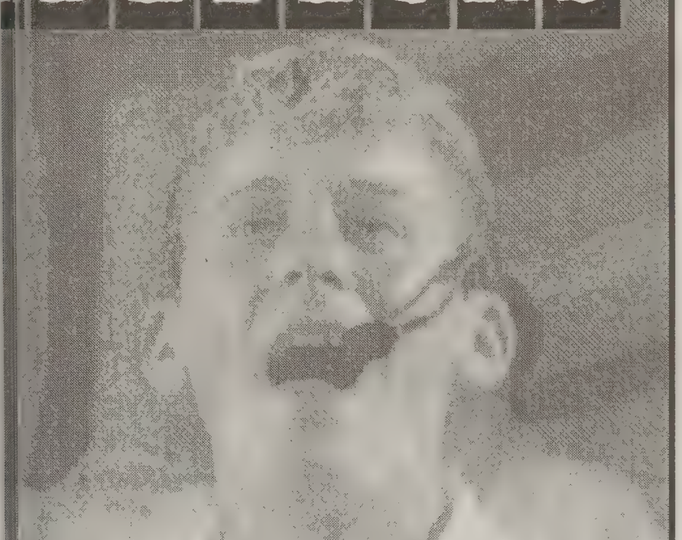

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A rose is a rose is a rose ... or is it?

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In 1788, the poet Robert Burns wrote, "Oh, my love is like a red, red rose." That line has been immortalized in the tradition of giving roses to a sweetheart.

"Guys just stick to red because it means love," said Campus Craft and Floral employee Julie Barksdale, 21, a senior from Provo majoring in sociology. "I think a girl will remember the guy that went out and got her a cool color."

Barksdale said that there are hundreds of colors of roses and only a few colors have actual meanings.

According to a list posted at the Flower Basket in Provo, yellow roses mean joy, gladness, and friendship; pink mean grace and gentility; white mean purity; orange mean desire; red and white together mean unity; red and yellow together mean happiness; and red roses — of course — mean "I love you."

"Guys are just so concerned about what the rose means. In most cases the girl won't even understand (what it means)," Barksdale said.

Paula Christiansen, the owner of Jeppson's floral in Provo said she has worked with flowers since she was in second grade and has never been bored with a red rose.

"I don't think there is anything better-looking than a dozen red roses," she said. "No flower is ever boring."

Christiansen said the most important way to keep a rose beautiful is to take care of it.

She said a rose will last the longest if it is cared for through a process called the "chain of life."

The chain of life, she said, begins in Ecuador, where the highest quality roses are grown. The roses are cut in the morning when they are still moist and put in a silver nitrate solution.

Christiansen said the silver nitrate reduces the amount of ethylene gas to which the roses are exposed. Ethylene gas is what makes flowers rot.

Christiansen said the roses are then dry packed and shipped all over the world to different wholesalers, who then cut the roses under water, hydrate the blooms and put them in a citric acid solution.

When her shop receives a shipment from the wholesaler, Christiansen said she cuts them again under water and puts them in a vase with floral preservative.

"The whole process makes them last days longer," she said.

"Customers should continue the chain of life and take care of their roses if they want them to last a long time."

Christiansen said although domestic roses may be cheaper, she buys Ecuadorian roses because they are the longest-lasting and have the most petals. Campus Craft and Floral and the Flower Basket also buy Ecuadorian roses for their quality.

The Flower Patch, a Utah chain of floral stores, uses domestic rather than Ecuadorian roses.

Amy Watts, manager of the Provo Flower Patch store, said all the roses they buy are domestic because they are cut the day before they arrive at the store. She said the problem with imported roses is you can never know how long ago they were picked.

Regardless of the roses' origins, rose prices and sales significantly increase during Valentine's Day.

Watt said her business increases five times and that the price for a dozen roses goes up about $23. She said customers have to order early if they want a specific arrangement for Valentine's Day.

"The best arrangements go to those who order first," she said.

Ryan Robertson, a Flower Basket employee, said wholesalers double their price for roses at Valentine's Day, so there is nothing vendors can do to lower flower prices.

He said, however, "We're not as busy on Valentine's Day as we are on Mother's Day. Everyone has a mother, but not everyone has a sweet heart."

a rose is a rose is a rose

Centuries of tradition have ascribed a meaning to each color of rose.

Yellow — joy, gladness, friendship
Pink — grace, gentility
White — purity
Orange — desire
Red & White — unity
Red & Yellow — happiness
Red — "I love you"
Black — drop dead

source: The Flower Basket, Provo

Emily Ginn/Daily Universe

Different colored roses may mean different things to different people, but the acts of giving and receiving roses are most traditionally linked to romantic interests.

Adam in 'Engaged Land': a love story

By ADAM MANGUM
Special to the Universe

Though the topic of living with an engaged person has been well covered here at BYU for many years, I would like to add my perspective to the others. I would also like to propose some survival skills to those who, like myself, find themselves living with someone who is engaged.

The most important concept is that of Engagedland. This is a far away place only the engaged may visit. Engagedland is a geographical location surrounding the engaged couple wherever they go and also a state of mind. Its power is exceptionally strong in the apartment of either engaged person, inside cars and any open benches on campus.

If you suspect your roommate or friend is in Engagedland, simply ask them what he or she is thinking about when their significant other is not present. If he or she does not respond at all, but simply looks at his or her own wedding invitation posted on the fridge, than rest assure that your friend is gone to humanity until a month after the wedding date.

If he or she responds with some unintelligible sound that resembles his or hers fianee's name, this is also a clear sign of infection. Other signs include constant talk of wedding plans, brainstorming names for their future children and a steady drop in academic performance.

You might wonder exactly how to deal with a roommate or friend who exists in such a state. Included here are a few suggestions on how to retain your own sanity when every one around you has lost theirs.

First, always keep a large bucket of cold water around to throw at anyone you find in Engagedland. Warning: This might put you in extreme danger, depending on the size and aggressive nature of your engaged friend. Though this method has not been clinically proven to remove anyone from Engagedland, it is a lot of fun, and I would recommend it to anyone.

Second, post signs around your apartment for your own protection. Ideas include "No Make-out Zone"; "15-minute make-outs only"; "Country music prohibited"; and "Single people only."

Next, try to get your roommate to go church at their fianee's ward. The last thing you want is to sit next to or behind them as they proceed to give each other a full back, neck and scalp massage. If they do come to your ward, inform them after the meeting that their hair looks like they just woke up and they should fix it before going to Sunday school.

Also be weary that people in Engagedland instantly become experts in dating and try to convince everyone around them that the way they met and the way they dated is the only possible way to be successful. Your engaged friend will also try to set you up with people he or she would never have dated, attempting to spread his or hers "happiness" to others.

Though living with an engaged roommate can be tiresome and overwhelming, always keep in mind that it could be worse. You could be living with a member of a satanic cult, the reincarnation of Hitler or anyone else from Northern Idaho. So count your lucky stars.

But how does one avoid entering such a tragic state?

First, don't be sucked in by the thought, "Oh, Elvira and I won't be like that. Our friends will like to be around us." Think of all your engaged friends. Do you really enjoy hanging out with them?

Really the only thing you can do is embrace it. Though you may fear going there, you too will enter Engagedland someday. You too will sit at ward functions as if you're the only to people on the planet. You too will have constant talk of honeymoons and dozens of bride magazines strewn across the apartment.

Men, you will tell others how you've never felt anything this powerful since your mission. You will also compare your fiancee to Cindy Crawford, though she's 5-feet 1-inch tall and has blond hair.

Women, you will show your ring to anyone, even to those who don't care. You will also talk about things like dresses, patterns and pictures until your roommates are so sick of you that they want to strangle you with your vale. You will compare your fiancee to Sean Connery though he's no where near 50, he talks with a Utah accent and he's as skinny as I am.

So for those of you living with the engaged, I recommend patience. This too shall pass, they are married. Of course, then they enter a place known as Newlywedland, which can be even worse.

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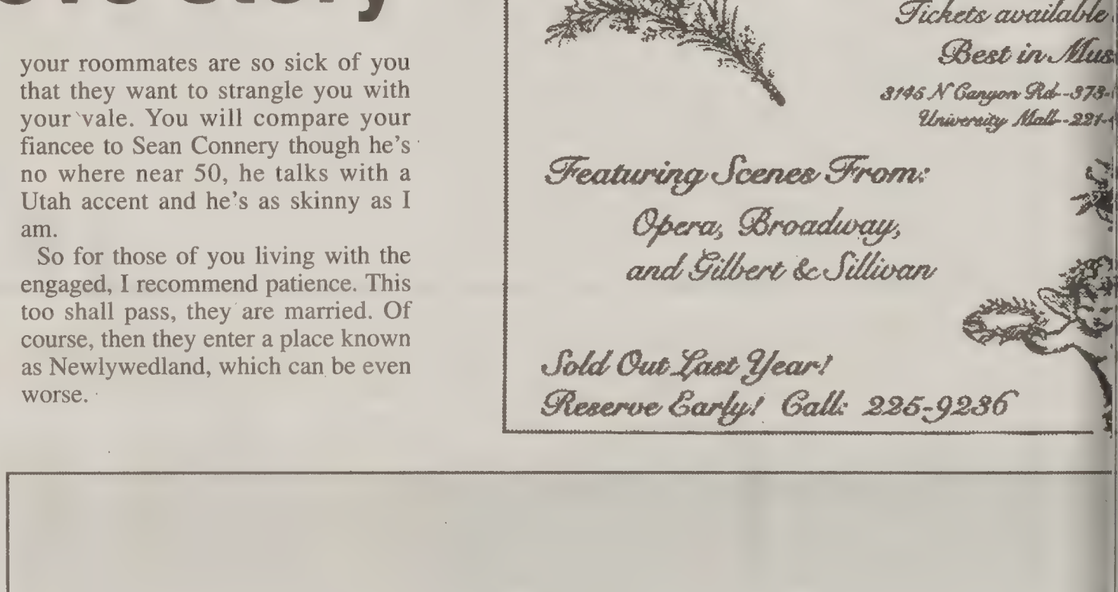

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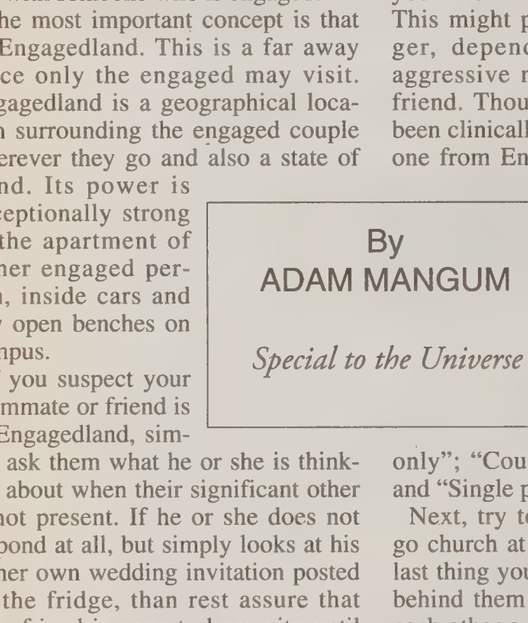
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ghing so hard. He had stayed up until four in the morning making the poster and then he made me a tape with all the songs he had sent me (on my answering machine). He was so quiet about it that I had no idea.

"It was thoughtful and sweet."

Most students agree it's the extra time a person invests into making them smile that means the most to them.

Seth Perrins, 23, a junior from Moses Lake, Wash., majoring in animal science, said the most romantic thing he has ever done was to clean the house when his wife was sick.

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Missie TiPaola, 18, a freshman from Worcester, Mass., majoring in English, said she still doesn't know who made her day at the beginning of last semester.

"The beginning of the semester was rough," she said.

"I just wanted to go home. One day I walked into my room and there were flowers on my bed with a note.

It said the flowers symbolized a deep friendship and that the person who left them would always be there for me."

TiPaola said she enjoys not knowing who it was, but is grateful someone cared enough to go out of his or her way for her.

Sometimes, the good deeds that mean the most are those that are small in size but full of thought.

Peter Christensen, 22, a sophomore from Orem who has not declared a major, said for Valentine's Day one year he tried to learn to play his girlfriend's favorite song on the guitar.

"The song was `I will' by the Beatles," Christensen said.

"It was supposed to be for Valentine's Day, but it took me a little longer to learn it. She was still really surprised."

Katie Thayner, 18, a freshman from Provo majoring in communications, said the most romantic thing she could remember was simple, but sweet.

"I had someone write me a poem when I got sick," she said. "He knew I liked Scottish things, so he wrote it to me in a Scottish accent. It was pretty romantic."

From detailed plans, to spur-of-the-moment ideas, students across campus agree that the most romantic things come straight from the heart.

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sfer student, I've never Valentine's Day at BYU, e much different than from day to day.

been running into a lot new from high school, since most of the guys are still on their missions. The topic of our five minute conversations always turns toward a boyfriend or an engagement. Always. I've seen more engagement rings in the last month than I ever have in all my life.

Sometimes, that ring seems to have special powers. I call it the "ring complex." The moment the engagement ring is put on, the wearer is better than any other poor single person there ever was. This person knows much more than any single person could ever know. They've found their eternal companion; they've found the secret to happiness. They wave around their left hand condescendingly, seeming to say, "I'm better than you are."

Not only is getting married something everybody seems to want, something is perceived to be wrong with you if you aren't married or engaged.

Nine times out of ten, these girls I know have either a boyfriend or the more popular engagement, and I have no prospects. Not that I'm ashamed of my singleness or anything, but it's hard to be proud of being single when no one seems to value it here.

The secret is (I guess it's not a secret anymore since I'm publishing this) I like being single right now. I like not calling somebody something utterly wretched like "poopsie" or something equally stupid. I like not having to call "poopsie" every two seconds to let him know I'm still alive. I like not having to deal with jealousy. I like not having to think about what I should get someone for Valentine's Day.

Little by little, BYU culture is changing me. I am starting to question my singleness, just like I do on Valentine's Day. I don't like it. I suppose next year I'll be married and have triplets or something, but right now I'm happy as I am.

So, bring it on. Happy Single Awareness Day!

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Beware: somebody might be watchin

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Stalking is a common crime that terrorizes victims, but there are ways to maximize safety and stop the harassment.

Valentine's Day should be about love and romance, however, some students complain they are being watched, followed and even threatened by other students.

"I'm getting really sick of this girl who keeps sending me notes and coming to my house," said junior Joshua Tenney, a 22-year-old family science major from Highland. "I don't even really know her, but she seems to be every where I go."

Stalking is a criminal behavior that is often confused with unwanted attention by admirers.

The difference between actual stalking and simple obsession is that stalking involves threats or an intent to cause fear for one's safety.

The National Center for Victims of Crime defines stalking as unwanted contact which directly or indirectly communicates a threat or places a victim in fear for their safety.

Due to the advent of blockbuster films such as "Fatal Attraction", "Cape Fear" and "Sleeping with the Enemy", stalking has become a familiar subject in the media.

High profile celebrity cases like the woman who has stalked David Letterman for five years claiming she is his wife and the man who shot and killed Rebecca Schaffer have received world wide attention.

Stalking is as old as the history of human relationships, but it wasn't until recently that victims received legal protection.

In 1990 California became the first state to pass a law which specifically made stalking a crime.

The law was passed in response to several cases in which the perpetrator stalked and eventually killed their victim. In each case, the victim had notified the police of the threatening behavior, but the police did nothing.

The fear of police not doing anything is a major reason why many victims do not report the problem.

"I was afraid to call the police," said Rees Wiscombe a 27- year- old from Lehi who was stalked by a co-worker who called himself "Caesar". "I didn't think they would take me seriously and I knew it would make Caesar even more hostile if he found out that I contacted the police."

There is no empirical data available to show how common stalking cases are in the United States, but the National Center for Victims of Crime estimates that more than 200,000 Americans are currently being stalked.

In 1994 the U.S. Congress passed a Crime Bill which mandated the tracking of stalking crime statistics to help experts determine how common it is.

A questionnaire distributed to a sample of 294 Undergraduates at West Virginia University in 1995 and reported in the Journal of Forensic Science showed that 47% of stalkers were men who seriously dated their victims. Friends of the victim constituted 19% of assailants, strangers were 18% with casual dates resulting in 16%.

Most stalking cases involve men stalking women and most stalkers are young to middle-aged with above-average intelligence.

The same study examined the difference between male and female victim coping strategies.

Female students who were stalked usually tried to ignore or avoid the stalker.

Male students almost always confronted the stalker personally or had someone else do it for them.

Before notifying the police victims are advised to tell the stalker either personally or through a lawyer to stop the harassment.

All written material like letters or notes from the stalker should be saved to help prove the offense.

"In Utah stalking is only a misdemeanor," said Utah County Sheriff Richard Healey. "It doesn't have a lot of teeth in it, but the beauty is that if you can convince a judge that you are being stalked he can order an ex-parte protective order that can result in an arrest."

The national Institute of Justice advises victims to maximize their safety by doing the following:

— Obtain a post office box.

— Inform professional organizations that they are to provide no one with information about you.

— Call the Social Security Office and request that your Social Security number be changed.

— Post a "NO TRESPASSING" sign on your property where it is visible.

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Valentine's Day weddings still popular

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Despite the love that surrounds Valentine's Day, most people would rather not get married at that time of year.

"I think it's kind of cheesy. Valentine's Day is probably more popular with older generations," said Lori Cox, 20, a sophomore from Grand Rapids, Mich., majoring in nursing.

"It isn't like it used to be. People don't choose that day anymore because flowers are three to four times as expensive that weekend," April Gurr, a Wedding Shop employee said.

Cherise Frehner, 23, a senior from Las Vegas, Nev., majoring in linguistics, said spring seems more popular for marriages because it is more symbolic than Valentine's Day.

"People have an idealistic view of marriage as a rebirth so they do it more often in the spring," Frehner said.

Those who do get married over that weekend are often taking advantage of the long President's Day weekend.

Sister Peck, a Mt. Timpanogos Temple worker, said Valentine's Day weekend is slightly more popular than other weekends.

"That weekend always goes fast. It is the third in line of the most popular times to get married, with Christmas and April as the most popular," she said.

Ilamae Barker, a marriage license clerk at the Utah County Courthouse, also notices the increase.

"There is a small increase in marriages at this time of year but it is mostly because of the longer weekend," said Ilamae Barker.

Convenience is more common than romance when getting married Valentine's Day weekend, said Emily Nielsen, a Bridal Center employee.

"People don't really shoot for that day anymore. They do it because it is a long break between Christmas and the end of winter semester," Nielsen said.

Ryan Hall, 23, a sophomore from McMinnville, Ore., majoring in computer science, is getting married Valentine's Day weekend to allow sufficient travel time for relatives coming to his wedding.

Valentine's Day didn't motivate his wedding date, though their wedding will mark their one-year anniversary of when they met.

"We chose that day because of the significance of the day and so I wouldn't have to miss as much school," Hall said.

Brenda Simmons, 24, a senior from Spanish Fork, Utah County, majoring in wildlife and range resources, got engaged on Valentine's Day.

She said her fiance didn't plan to ask her that day, but that week his finances came through to get the ring.

"Valentine's Day probably will be special for me from now on, but not for him because he isn't really sentimental," Simmons said.

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Couples escape to V-day wedding havens

Associated Press

This year's Valentine's Day falling on a Sunday hasn't created nearly the stir it did on a Saturday last year, the first time in 11 years. A record number of couples scheduled weddings in the small Scottish town of Gretna Green — once a haven for elopers.

"It was just absolutely beautiful and the fact it was on Valentine's Day made it perfec," said Jean Waddell, 40. She and her fiance, Gary Hughes, also 40, were among the first of 66 couples to marry at Gretna Green, a small town on the border with England.

In the 17th and 18th centuries, hundreds of young English couples, escaping wrathful parents, slipped across the border to wed at Gretna Green under less strict Scottish laws.

For example, 16-year-olds could marry without parental permission — when the age in England was 21. Anyone could officiate, and it was usually the blacksmith.

Now, both the Scots and the English need proper registar or a church minister. And on last year's Saturday Valentine's Day, several teams of registars were in town to perform the ceremonies at the registry office, a hotel called the Old Blacksmith's Shop, and Old Toll Barr.

Meanwhile, in Asia, romance wasn't immune form that continent's economic crisis on Valentine's Day.

A record 1,500 couples registered their marriages in Bangkok's "district of love" last Valentine's Day, but many drastically scaled back celebrations because of current hard times.

"We won't have any celebration this evening," said police Lance Cpl. Chakrarin Rattana, 30. "We can't afford a honeymoon, and I'm only taking a half-day off."

Chakrarin was legally registering his 10-year union with Jiraporn Rohwawat, 29, at a hotel serving as a vast marriage bureau for one day, enabling couples to have the neighborhood — Bang Rak, or love district — stamped on marriage documents.

Bang Rak registered 500 marriages on Valentine's Day in 1996 and 1,000 in 1997.

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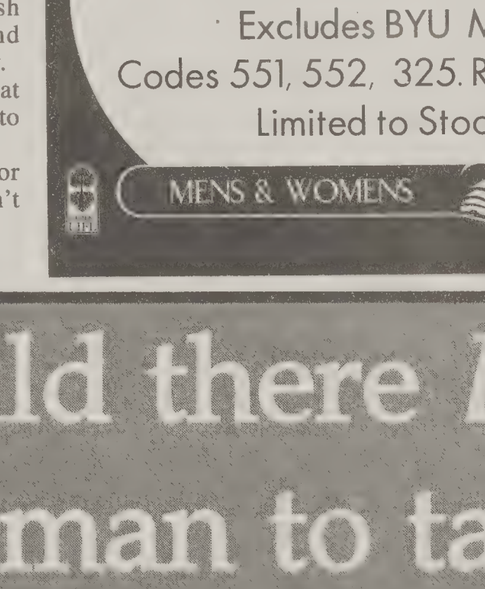

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By
Ryan Rauzon
NewsNet Staff Writer

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He will say something to the effect of, "Can I get a couple of those?" pointing ambiguously at something behind the glass door, hoping the girl will just grab whatever looks good and arrange it in something attractive. But she won't.

She'll ask, "Which ones? The tulips?"

To which the guy, who has no idea what a tulip looks like, will say, "Yeah ... yeah ... the tulips."

The girl will grab the tulips and ask another useless question.

"Do you want these wrapped with baby's breath?"

The guy, who is utterly confused, embarrassed and on the verge of collapse will, by this point, agree with whatever the girl proposes.

"Yeah ... yeah ... baby's breath."

Then the girl will ask what color ribbon he wants around the plastic.

The guy hasn't the faintest idea what he wants, so he'll say, "Um ... well ... I don't know. What do you think?"

The girl, sensing victory and vindication for some high school romance gone awry, will usually grab whatever ribbon suits her fancy, tie it on the tulips, take the guy's money, and let him slither out of her store before he collapses in a heap of high blood pressure and testosterone overload.

Surviving the flower shop — an accomplishment in and of itself — is, in fact, only half the battle. They must now begin the walk of shame, the trek of self-abandonment, forfeiting their pride by carrying the flowers to their love's house.

This is usually done in a sly manner. Some guys carry them low to the ground, hugging them tight to their leg. Others try and stuff the flowers in their bag, ruining the arrangement and causing premature withering. And the rest carry them in front, like they're members of a wedding march, staring intently at their feet.

Meanwhile, the flower girl and her cohorts press their faces to the shop window, laughing hysterically at how silly the guy looks. They slap high fives and embrace, celebrating their communal mission: successfully destroying a man's self-esteem.

Outside, the entire world has stopped to stare at the guy, pointing and exchanging perfunctory glances, some of them even laughing outright at his plight. They assume the guy is either in the "dog-house," trying to regain his love's favor, or in the process of wooing a would-be lover. Very few people sympathize with him.

He's aware of his predicament, which makes it even more entertaining for the rest of the world. Ashamed with himself and wondering how he'll ever return to being his father's son, he practically sprints the rest of the way, arriving at the girl's door writhing in pain and sweating profusely.

Just when the guy thinks he's going to sink into the pit of despair and suffer the humiliation of public scrutiny, his love opens the door, smiles, and accepts his token of affection, making him feel, at least for the moment, as if nothing in the world matters.

And it's kind of like giving birth in this respect: the guy will forget the pain as a result of the joy he's created, and will return to perform the ceremony again the next time he needs to court his love's approval. The cycle continues.

Deep thoughts

... by The Daily Universe

To love another person is to see the face of God .

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...ts originated in the ... Necco put pieces of paper with messages inside of the then-scalloped shell candy.

In 1902, Necco began printing the conversation hearts. Some original phrases still used are: "Be mine," "Be good," "Be true," "Kiss me" and "Sweet talk."

The company started updating the phrases in the 1990s. This year, some of the new phrases were inspired by songs such as "Let it be" and "Love me tender." According to Necco's Web site, Marshall is a former bandleader and music buff so that is why he was inspired to pay tribute to popular music makers.

Last year, the phrase, "U go girl," was inspired by Rosie O'Donnell, according to the Web site.

Amy Hickman, a junior from Valencia, Calif., majoring in interior design, said conversation hearts are nostalgic.

"In elementary school, I always had to pick the perfect one for the guy I liked," Hickman said.

According to Necco's Web site, in the past decade, the company has manufactured 72 billion candy hearts. If the hearts were stacked flat, it would be enough to reach the moon.

Up to 100,000 pounds of candy hearts are made each day at Necco's three manufacturing sites. The hearts have a 45 minute drying time and have a shelf life of 3-4 years, according to the Web site.

Necco's candy hearts are cholesterol and fat free, and there are three calories in the small hearts and six calories in the large hearts.

Conversation Heart Trivia

- In the past decade, more than 72 billion Sweethearts brand Conversation Hearts will have rolled off the production lines at NECCO – enough that when stacked flat, reach from the earth to the moon.
- The majority of Sweethearts are sold during the six-week period between January 1 and Valentine's Day.
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- NECCO has three plants in Massachusetts, Wisconsin and Louisiana.
- Sweethearts once shaped and stamped, take 45 minutes to dry and have a shelf life of three to four years.
- About 80 years ago, conversation hearts were made in the shape of postcards, watches, baseballs or horseshoes, and the hearts were embossed with curlicues.
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Students give V-Day a yawn

Associated Press

Put this on one of those candy hearts: "Can't buy love." or "Romance is cheesy." Or maybe "I'd rather study."

What' with the sour thoughts on Valentine's Day? According to a new survey, college studetns consider Valentine's Day overly commericialized and even less romantic than any other day.

"Idealistic young people reject the commercialism, thematerialism, and they're staking a claim and saying `No, I don't want to buy into that,'" said Nancy MacLaren, a professor at the Boston University education school, which conducted the research.

The survey of 250 Boston University studetns found that nearly half of mena dn 65 percent of women think students in general now are less romantic than in earlier generations, though mot of the respondents described themselves as romantic. The margin of error was not computed.

"The reflects clearly the ambivalence of students at this transitional stage of their lives," McLaren said.

One th one hand, she said, there is the universal need for love and emotional intimacy. But young people realize it may be wiser to focus on education for now and put off a committed relationship.

Of those students who said they would mark Valentine's Day in some way, many said they planned to give handmade cards, poems, home-cooked dinners and baked goods as gifts, rather than store-bought candy, jewelry and flowers.

"I don't think romance is dead. It's just more creative than it used to be," said Karen Hennessy, a Tufts Unviersty senior.

Valentine's Day? Oh, Puh-leeeze

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My Valentine, my Valentine ... wherefore art thou my Valentine? Deny thy purpose and refuse thy chocolate, but, if thou wilt not be but sworn my love and I will no longer be a pathetically single BYU co-ed forced to watch the lovebirds make me sick with all this Valentine's Day hype.

Okay, so I am a little tired of walking into the bookstore and being inundated by the color red and tons of chocolate. What is it with chocolate, anyway?

By Alysha Baxley
NewsNet Staff Writer

The way I see it, Valentine candy has a two-fold purpose. First of all, it's for all the boys to woo their women (which doesn't really make sense if you ask me. "Here, honey, have some chocolate and get fat for me, so I can listen to you complain about being too fat and asking me if you look good all night.").

But the second purpose is the one I think most Valentine candy is bought for in the first place. It's for the single women. It's for the lonely to drown their sorrows on a day reserved for the celebration of coupledom.

I am telling you the truth. I know all you co-eds out there know what I am talking about. Who hasn't spent a Singles Awareness Day with their roommates drowning their sorrows in chocolates and Ben and Jerry's ice cream watching "While you Were Sleeping," "Bed of Roses" or "Sleepless in Seattle"? Ask any BYU co-ed and they will deny it, but take a gander by any girl's apartment on a weekend night and you see it — Valentine's Day just steps it up a notch.

And what about the men? Obviously I don't have as much first-hand knowledge about that, but from what I have seen, you are all blubbering love fools this time of year. Even the guys who don't have a girlfriend — they want something. And as the women want to feel loved and have a man on their arm for that one special day of the year when if you are single EVERYBODY KNOWS IT, the guys have something else in mind.

Somehow, Valentine's Day turned into a make-out fest, and when you have nobody to mac that night, it hurts, huh?

Or maybe you all just do what some guy friends of mine do. They plan a trip for Wendover Valentine's weekend. Then, if they don't have a date by Friday night, they go to Wendover and act like they completely forgot what weekend it was. C'mon guys, you know who you are ...

This year when all the Valentine's hype started, I wondered what it was all about. Year after year we celebrate this day. We all are more aware of our status as single, involved, married, whatever than at any other time of the year. But do you know what we are celebrating? A dead guy.

Yep, St. Valentine was a Christian martyr in the days of Roman rule. He was jailed for bringing the message of Christ to the people under Roman control, and was eventually beheaded for not ending his Christian practices. The day was set aside as the day of his martyrdom, and celebrated by Christians worldwide as a day of worship and remembrance of the love affair they should have with their Lord. So, what happened?

How did this day of Christian worship of a Catholic Bishop (which, by the way meant he had no relations with women) turn into a day with cupid arrows and chocolate and lovebirds getting together with every intention of having relations with the other person.

I think the closest we stayed to the dead guy part is Cupid's arrow. We celebrate love by shooting an arrow through somebody else's heart? Um, okay. That's romantic if you go for that blood and gore romance. And it's a little baby usually wearing nothing that shoots the arrow. Sure, that's ultimately romantic in my mind. Nothing better than a naked little guy shooting arrows at my heart to get me in the romantic frame of mind.

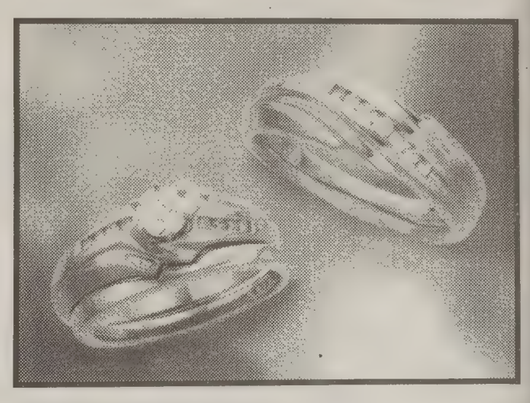
But some girls like it, I guess. So, if you're the kind of guy who wants to romance your woman through arrows and naked babies, go for it. Maybe if she sees it as the Ally McBeal dancing baby, it'll be cool. That baby at least is wearing diapers and has some sense of rhythm.

Oh, but Valentine's Day is so worth it, right? The presents, the love, the feeling of having somebody else there for you, the date — the date? Yeah, I love waiting in line for two hours at the Macaroni Grill or Maglebys or the Olive Garden or wherever your date wants to take you. Everybody wants to go out that night — all in couples, so the wait is even longer because tables are set in fours at most restaurants and to have two people at every table who sit there forever gazing into each others eyes takes forever to get everybody inside to eat. And what if you just want to go out that night for the fun of it? Forget about it. You will never find a parking space anywhere you go.

Hey, I have an idea. Why don't we all just go out together? Carpooling seems to be helping the I-15 overcrowding, maybe it'll work for Valentine's Day congestion too. It's cheaper, too. Two couples in the car means less gas wasted for everybody involved. Then at the restaurant the wait would go faster if everybody was in parties of four in stead of parties of two.

It wouldn't be that bad for two couples to be at one table — there's two sides to a table, right? And if you use a booth, then one couple could sit on each side and both couples would be so wrapped up in each other, that they would never notice the other two people at the table. Who needs a romantic evening alone? You can do that later. Carpool, eat together, get out of there fast, leave room for the rest of us who just want to go out and eat that night with our friends.

So, Valentine's Day is upon us. Just remember what it's all about. Remember that we're celebrating a dead guy, a naked baby with a bow and arrow, and overcrowded restaurants. We enhance the day with cheesy presents and chocolate to make your date fat. What a romantic day of the year. Just remember to carpool this Valentine's Day so you leave the roads open for those of us who are single and just want to go out a have a good night out on the town. HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!!!!



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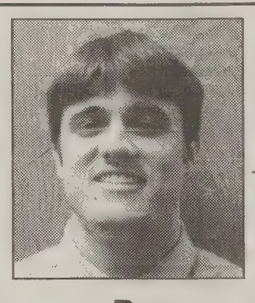


By
Chad Lawson
NewsNet Staff Writer

Valentine's Day is upon us and it is now time for the male population of BYU to shine. All you must do to impress your lady love, guys, is follow this simple council.

I am talking to the male population at BYU who have a date this weekend and are desperate to impress that special somebody.

The first step to having a successful date is to find that someone to ask. Since you have already got this covered, I am not going to help you too much here, because I am not a matchmaker, but merely an expert on how not to mess up your date.

I hope you have a little something planned, and I hope you planned it for Saturday instead of the actual V-Day, which will be held on a Sunday this year. If we have climbed that first hurdle, then we are on our way.

Girls will be happy with the basic date. A girl wants to be treated nicely and pampered with gifts, flowers and food.

Hopefully, you have a nice place to eat in mind that will be fun for both parties involved. It does not necessarily have to be the most expensive place in town, but remember this is for those trying to impress. I realize that some of you may consider El Azteca fine dining, but it is not going to do the job of impressing the girl.

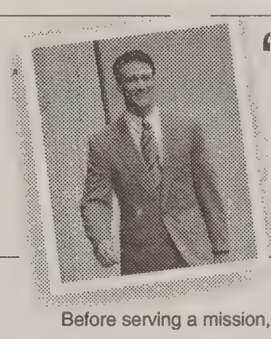
Now that you are enjoying a good meal, it is important to have good conversation. The number one rule with this is to never, ever, EVER start any sentence with "When I was on my mission." Trust me on this one. You don't want to be the guy that talks about his mission all night. She doesn't care about how you biked up hill in the snow or got caught in a flood. Talk about how pretty she looks and how she is different from all those other girls, and you should be OK.

It should be noted that this article is also aimed at those who are not on a first date, but somewhere in between the second or third date and engagement. I guess that only covers a two month span, huh? What's up with that anyway?

Let's get back to the date now. After a nice dinner you can do the traditional movie thing, which I don't think is possible to screw up because you just sit there. I take that back because you could take her to some movie where there is no possibility of crying. You must remember that crying is good and even for guys it is cool to cry.

If you make it passed the movie, guaranteed the girl will be ready for dessert. That can be something you have made at home and you can enjoy it there. Make sure you know how to make it, and can make it fairly good. I suggest buying cookie dough at the store and getting ice cream for it. I'm trying to keep it simple for you.

"I hope they call me on a mission."



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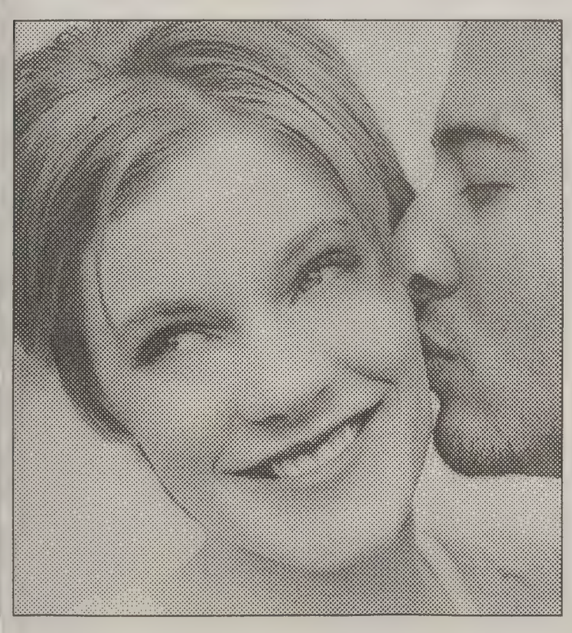

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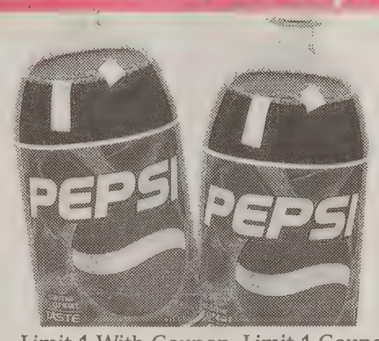

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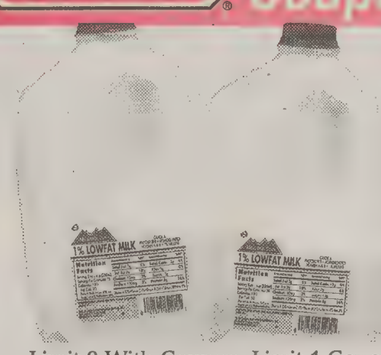

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Creativity a must in planning Valentine's activities

By CHAD LAWSON
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Valentine's Day is a time to impress that special someone, and all you need to do is the basics, which includes flowers.

"Valentine's Day is the big night of the year when guys really have to come through," said Matt Park, 22, a junior communication major from Provo.

Park said he thinks that girls have high expectations for a fun night, so it puts a lot of pressure on the men to have something big planned.

Most girls just want the basics. A nice dinner, maybe a movie, time with your valentine, and most importantly flowers, said Emily Baird, 22, a junior from Glendora, CA, majoring in early childhood education.

"For a lot of guys it is hard to figure out what to do because they want it to be such a romantic night, but my boyfriend always comes through in the clutch. He is Mr.Romance," said Baird.

Most BYU males agree with Baird and say their top list of things to do is:

1) Nice dinner, a movie, and flowers: I know this is the basic date that sounds really boring, but fellas, according to my research, it is what most girls want.

2) Dinner and something active like ice skating, and flowers: Once again dinner is included because it is proven that girls love to eat. Also something active is always fun and a good way to see if a girl is cool.

3) Sledding with a group of people and then a movie with hot chocolate, and flowers: Sledding is a fun February activity and a good lead into cuddling to warm up. If no cuddling is feasible, then throw on the hot chocolate.

4) A romantic dinner alone with your valentine, and flowers: If the girl does in fact want to be your Valentine, then she will want to be alone with you and she will most definitely want flowers.

5) Going on a drive, and you guessed it, flowers: This is not the most popular choice, hence that is why it is in the number five spot.

"Many guys think that they need to plan the ultimate date with one activity after another, but from what I have experienced we just need to be nice and bring flowers," said Mark Debry, 23 a junior from Provo, majoring in business.

So the guideline is sent out pretty simple for all you guys who can not seem to figure it out. From the guys point of view, to keep the girl happy on this special day coming up, remember to plan basic, but yet fun and most importantly, BRING FLOWERS.

Would-be weight losers to get better diet info

WASHINGTON (AP) - Some of the biggest names in the weight loss business have pledged to give consumers looking to shed excess pounds better information about how much diet products and programs will cost, the risks involved and the benefits of even moderate weight loss.

A set of voluntary guidelines, released today a group of government, industry and health representatives, don't reach a consensus on one of the most pressing questions — how many pounds consumers can expect to lose — but they do urge the diet industry to disclose more information to clients.

"We are very happy that we have gotten this far," said Lynn McAfee of the Philadelphia-based Council on Size & Weight Discrimination, one member of the coalition called the Partnership for Healthy Weight Management. But "this is clearly a work in progress."

The Federal Trade Commission and other members of the group — including consumer and health advocates as well as industry representatives — worked on the guidelines for a year and said they hoped consumers would use the guidelines when choosing weight-loss programs. Americans spend about $33 billion a year in their efforts to shed pounds.

The guidelines suggest that companies alert consumers that "most people who lose weight are likely to find it difficult to keep the weight off." But the coalition has not reached agreement on how businesses can provide clients with an accurate measure of typical weight loss.

"We've been struggling with these issues, but we realize there's not a one-size-fits-all disclosure," said Warren Dennis, outside general counsel for the Jenny Craig program.

Slim Fast, Jenny Craig, Weight Watchers and Novartis Nutrition Corp., which runs the Optifast plan, were among the coalition's industry participants.

Dennis said the results of weight-loss programs vary so much from individual to individual and are dependent on so many factors that determining their effectiveness is very difficult. It's even tougher to figure out how many people successfully maintain their weight loss after a few years, he said.

Consumer advocates disagree.

"We feel the companies have a good idea about how much their clients lose on average," said Bruce Silverglade, director of legal affairs at the Center for Science in the Public Interest.

"This is not rocket science," Sliverglade said.

Dr. George Blackburn of the Center for the Study of Nutritionand Medicine at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, said many larger companies already conduct long-term studies — two to five years — on outcomes. But clients may not hear the big numbers they are hoping for, he warns.

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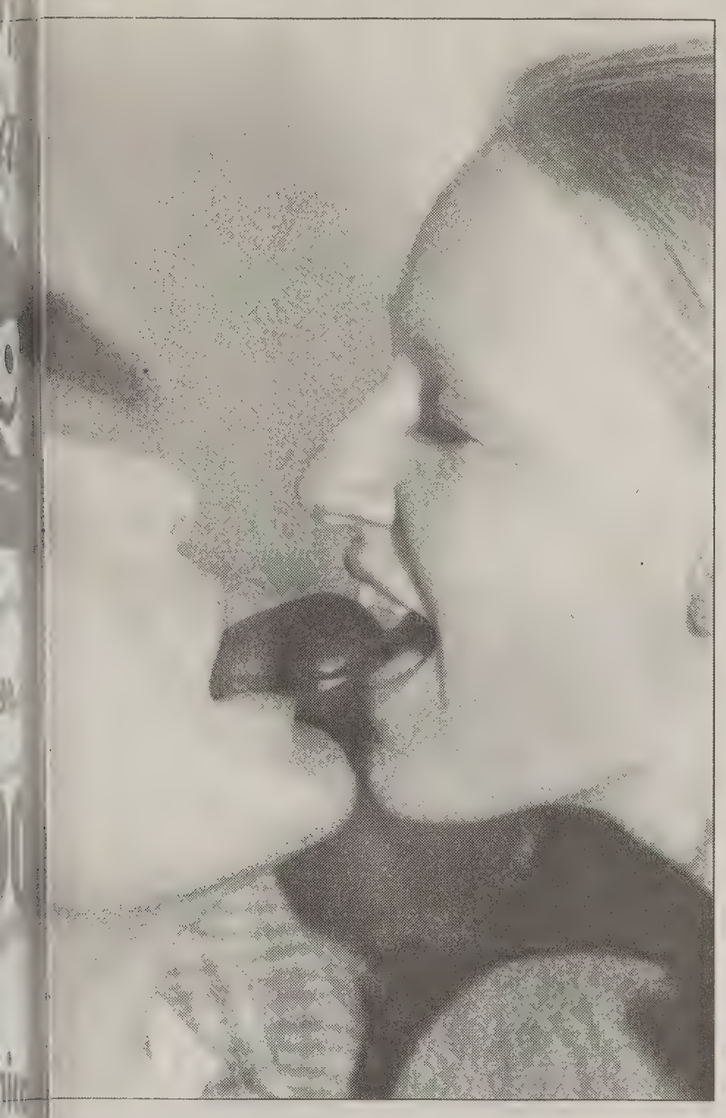

, and Chad Colyer, 22, demonstrate a display of affection hocolate heart. PHOTO BY EMILY GINN/DAILY UNIVERSE

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It doesn't have to be Valentine's Day for students to express their love to one another. Some can't even wait to be alone to show their affection. For people on the regarding end instead of the receiving end of public displays of affection, the initials PDA take on a new meaning: pretty darn annoying.

Kelli Nielson, 23, a graduate student in zoology from Midland, Texas, has been the unfortunate witness of many public displays of affection on campus.

"It's not so much of a problem in public areas, ... it's where people think they're alone, but they're not.

"There's a lunch room near my lab. Anyone can go in there. It's like a study room. I've walked in on people making out in there," Nielson said.

Nielson said unless she knows the couple, she ignores them. If she does know the couple, then she will jokingly say something to them so they will stop while she is in the room.

Brian Boxx, 24, from Knoxville, Tenn., majoring in advertising, has a different approach to couples engaged in PDA.

"I don't necessarily go up to them, but I will make fun of them to draw attention to them and make them uncomfortable," he said.

Boxx said he doesn't have a problem with couples that hold hands in public, but the point of inappropriateness comes when couples, "start latching on to each other and peppering each other with kisses."

Amy Cardon, 22, a senior from Seattle, Wash., majoring in English, and her husband Craig Cardon, 23, a senior from Mesa, Ariz., majoring in finance, agree that holding hands is an appropriate way to express affection in public.

> ***"Hugs, kissing on the cheek and a quick kiss on the lips are OK."***
>
> *— Amy Cardon*

"Hugs, kissing on the cheek and a quick kiss on the lips are OK," Amy said.

Craig added, "All of this is OK, but not in class."

Craig said holding hands in class is fine, as long as the couple is sitting next to each other. But when couples are sitting apart from each other and have to reach across the aisle to hold hands, that's when it becomes unacceptable.

"It's stupid, not gross," he said. "I just feel bad for them because they look so stupid."

Amy said before she got married she felt uncomfortable showing affection to Craig in public.

"When we were dating we didn't kiss or hug in front of people. Now that we're married we'll give each other a quick kiss goodbye, but we still don't show a lot of PDA."

Craig said PDA in moderation is good. He said the people who get uptight about the little things, such as hand holding or a quick kiss, "just can't get it themselves; they're finding a lack of it in their own lives."

Sergeant Robert Eyre, of the University Police, said he has received two phone calls related to PDA.

He received a call from a custodian who saw a couple lying on the grass under a blanket. When Eyre went to make sure everything was all right, he discovered that the couple had fallen asleep while looking at the stars.

Eyre said when the police department receives calls of this nature, its responsibility is to make sure everything is okay, that both people are there of their own free will and that no offense has occurred.

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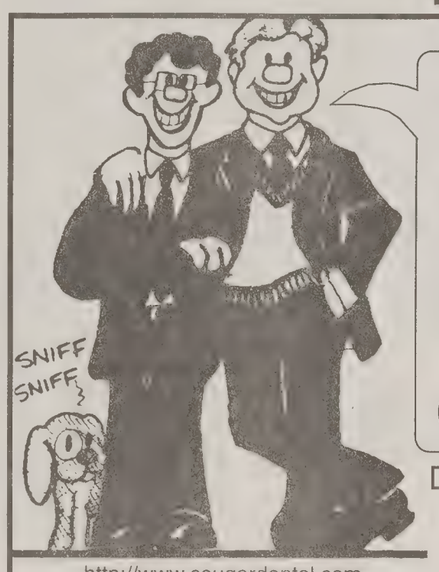

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Sorenson, a transfer student from Salt Lake Community College, said, Provo is definitely not the norm.

"In Salt Lake there was no pressure. But here, it's all you hear about," Sorenson said.

Melodi Pinnock, 25, from Pinehurst, N.C., a graduate student in accounting, fell victim to that pressure before.

"I was engaged as a sophomore, but I broke it off after I realized I was just feeling pressured," Pinnock said.

However, this invisible stigma that seems so prevalent here in Happy Valley does not affect everyone.

Melissa Hales, 18, from Fruit Heights, majoring in art, hasn't experienced it yet.

"Maybe it's because I live on-campus with other freshmen, but it hasn't really affected me yet. I can definitely see how it effects those who are older though," Hales said.

According to Holman, the source of this marital-hype varies some. But it is a socially created pressure.

"I don't think a 23-year-old student at M.I.T. feels anything like a 23-year-old student here when it comes to getting married," Holman said. "It's becuase at BYU, everyone else seems to be getting married."

Based on his research, Holman found that age 25 seems to be the cut-off before people begin to get nervous.

"People really start to worry after that. Some guys get too anxious. I had a girl come into my office and tell me about a guy who pulled out a ring on their first date," Holman said.

But according to Holman, age, whether younger or older than the norm, should not be the only factor in a dating relationship.

"I don't think age by itself is a good enough criteria of whether or not a person should get married. A person's maturity is what is important," Homan said.

More than worrying about how old someone is, Holman believes more focus should be directed toward making sure the timing is right. This includes getting to know the other person sufficiently, getting to know family members, and most importantly, making sure you are ready for the marriage commitment.

"Marriage should not be seen as a way to escape emotional or other personal problems," Holman said.

Holman uses a number of quotes from various leaders of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to add substance to his research.

"The Brethren advise that you don't do it too early, or wait too long. Get married when the time is right," Holman said.

In the February 1999 "Ensign," President Gordon B. Hinckley addressed this very topic.

"Marry the right person in the right place at the right time," President Hinckley stated.("Ensign." Feb. 1999, p. 2)

In addition to the timing of marriage, President Hinckley also stressed the importance of the decision at hand.

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theme) he gave a farewell note to the jailor's daughter. He signed it, "from your Valentine." YOUR Valentine. So not only was he killed, he was betrayed by his true love, who refused to save him (another theme: betrayal).

Now, as we all can see, the real meaning of St. Valentine's Day is death before dishonor and betrayal by those you trust the most.

The proper way to celebrate this day in honor of St. Valentine is not to prance around spellbound, but to offer respect.

It was like when I found out Santa Claus wasn't real and I had been good all year for nothing. Society tries to trick us into acting a certain way.

I mean, what message is really sent out during the month of February? If you want to oblige people to show love, just make a national holiday out of it. That way, whoever doesn't abide by this law will be outcast from society or at least shunned for a good week by his girlfriend.

Is it all even real? Even if you truly, truly, truly like the person you're dating, if you don't do anything for Valentine's Day, it means you are a big jerk. A big jerk for refusing to be manipulated into insincerity.

After all, how sincere can forced affection be? It's like when I was little and used to ask my mom if she would love me less if I were born with my eyes all askew. I would then grab my eyes and severely distort them. Her face twisted and her look howled, "who ARE you?" But her sigh still rings in my ears. "No, honey (I think the honey part was forced at that point), I would love you the same."

Solicited affection never was worth the oxygen used in forming the words.

Must you therefore pretend to be excited for this day that has been so built up by society? If flowers, chocolate and in some cases diamonds are not sent, who is the guilty party? Is it you? No, it is the jailor's daughter who betrayed her Valentine. Is it our warped culture.

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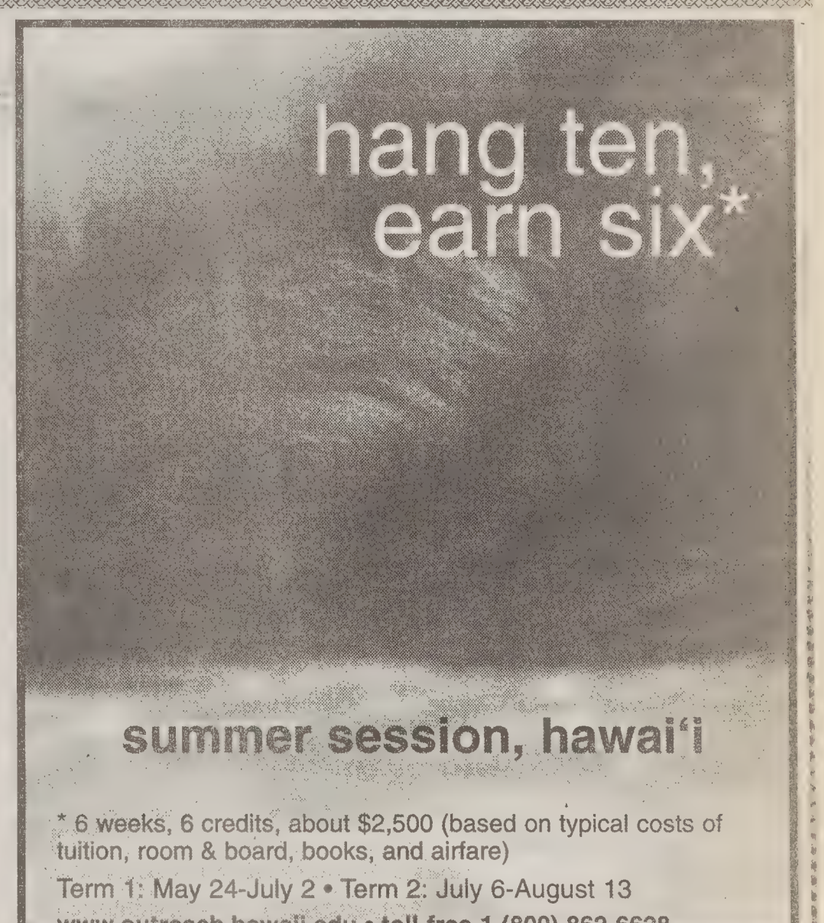
Don't be one of the victims! Stand tall and follow the example of St. Valentine. Shouldn't we really boast black and visit the cemeteries?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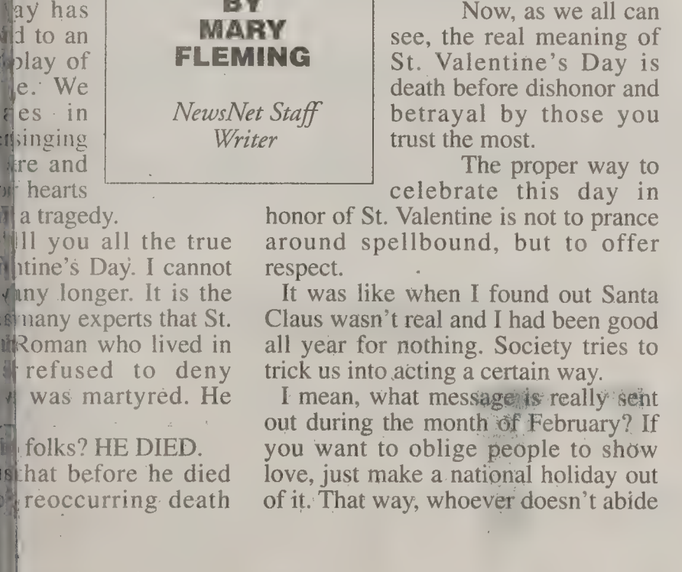

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Loving tunes ringing through campus

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Remember the scene in the 1989 movie "Say Anything," where John Cusack serenades Ione Skye with the Peter Gabriel song, "In Your Eyes"? This scene is the ultimate illustration of the power of music between a male and a female.

Romantic music can play a big part in a couple's Valentine activities. From time-tested classics to mood-setters, songs can communicate a lot more than words — if they're used right.

So, which songs do BYU men choose to serenade their loved ones with, and which songs do BYU women most like to hear?

In a survey of 103 students, "You're the Inspiration," by Chicago was voted one of the most romantic songs on BYU campus. The runner-up was "To make you feel my love," by Garth Brooks from the movie "Hope Floats."

Kelli Hjelm, a freshman from Lakewood, Wash., majoring in French, said "To make you feel my love" is "her song" with her boyfriend. Hjelm's boyfriend lives in Los Angeles; she says the song closes the 700 mile gap between them.

"When I hear our song it helps me remember my feelings for him," Hjelm said.

Also in the top five most romantic songs were "From this Moment," by Shania Twain and Brian White, and "(Everything I do) I do it for you," by Brian Adams.

Tied at fifth was "Somebody," by Depeche Mode, "Wonderful Tonight," by Eric Clapton and "The Dance," by Garth Brooks.

Music can help or inhibit a relationship. BYU students have varied opinions on what is romantic and the role music plays in their relationships.

Vie VanNoy, a hall advisor at Heritage Halls, said music had a positive effect on her relationship with her husband before they were married. VanNoy said that on one of their first dates her husband presented her with a cassette tape wrapped in brown paper and string.

The tape was a mix of soft favorites inspired by her.

"As I listened to the music it helped me come to know who he was and how he thought," VanNoy said.

Jessica Nelson, a senior from Trabuco Canyon, Calif., majoring in family sciences, has been married for 14 months. She said music helps form a unity or bond between herself and her husband.

"Music draws us closer more than pulling us apart," Nelson said.

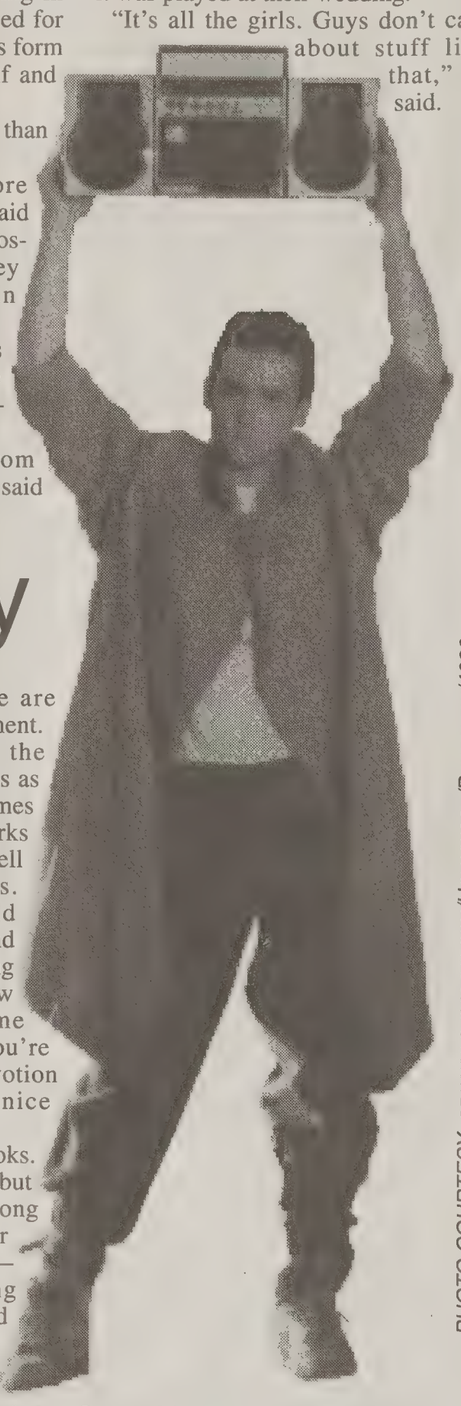
Kiley Petersen, a sophomore from Provo attending UVSC, said music does little to bring her closer to her husband because they have very different tastes in music.

Some men on BYU campus do not pay attention to the music their wives and girlfriends choose as "their song."

Brandon Heath, a junior from Provo majoring in accounting, said the second night he hung out with his girlfriend, they heard the song, "(Everything I do) I do it for you," by Brian Adams. Heath said his girlfriend decided it was "their song," but he did not pay much attention to it.

Austin Moos, a Provo resident, said his wife chose their song. Moos was not aware what "their song" was until it was played at their wedding.

"It's all the girls. Guys don't care about stuff like that," he said.



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John Cusack's memorable stereo serenade from the 1989 romantic hit "Say Anything" made Peter Gabriel's "In Your Eyes" one of the best-loved romantic songs of the decade.

Romance songs of this century

Which ones make hearts melt and why they make people say 'awww, tender'

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: Eric D. Snider has written about music for the Daily Herald, the Salt Lake Tribune, The New Era and This People magazine. He also walks around singing a lot.)

Yeah, all right, so we thought it would be nice to list the Top Nine Most Romantic Songs, in honor of St. Patrick's Day, which is coming up shortly. Bear in mind that these are based on my opinions, and not on any surveys or mind-readings.

Also note that they are being listed, oddly enough, with No. 1 first, instead of last. I don't like that whole "countdown" thing.

THE TOP NINE MOST ROMANTIC SONGS

1. "In Your Eyes," by Peter Gabriel. Sometimes a song appears to be cut from the soundtrack of your life, eloquently speaking your innermost feelings. The film "Say Anything" acknowledged this truism when John Cusack stood outside Ione Skye's window and played "In Your Eyes" on a boom box. No dialogue was necessary. The song — and his playing it — said everything that could have been said between them.

"In Your Eyes" is a great romantic song even without the "Say Anything" connection. It's one of the few songs that can be heard over and over without the words starting to seem dumb. There's actually some depth there: "All my instincts, they return/The grand facade so soon will burn/Without a noise, without my pride/I reach out from the inside" — in other words, with you, I just want to be ME. No acting, no faking. All I can do is love you. Wow.

2. "I Will Buy You a New Life," by Everclear. Not exactly a slow song you can dance and/or snuggle to, but this is one of the best rock songs of 1998, featuring a catchy melody and some of the most sincere lyrics you'll hear. The basic idea is "I'll take care of you, I'll give you everything you need. Please just let me be the one," though Everclear expresses it more eloquently than that. You can picture the guy standing outside a girl's window, serenading her with this plaintive song.

The poignant lyrics express a sincere desire to give the girl anything she needs, simply because he loves her. The earnestness and vulnerability come through: "(Other guys) might make you think you're happy/Yeah, maybe for a minute or two/But they can't make you laugh/No, they can't make you feel the way that I do."

3. "Fields of Gold," by Sting. Sting is a brilliant songwriter, crafting tunes that go beyond your basic three-chord rock 'n' roll mediocrity. This one is fairly simple, though the lyrics are a little obscure. I don't know exactly what "walking in fields of gold" means — I suspect, knowing Sting, that it's not to be taken literally — but it has the ring of pure, simple love to it, something two sweethearts might do on a crisp fall afternoon. Perhaps there would be cider involved. "I never made promises lightly/And there have been some that I've broken/But I swear in the days still left/We'll walk in fields of gold."

4. "I Can't Help Falling in Love with You," by Elvis Presley. Elvis recorded quite a few songs that made the ladies swoon, but this one is the simplest and prettiest. "Wise men say only fools rush in/But I can't help falling in love with you." What more needs to be said? The man had a golden voice; it's not hard to see why the women loved him and the men were jealous of him. Ignore the UB40 reggae remake of this song, as it is one of the worst crimes ever perpetrated against humanity (as is pretty much everything UB40 ever did).

5. "Wind Beneath My Wings," by anyone other than Bette Midler. Before Bette Midler got a hold of it and caused it to be overplayed — and thus cheapened — this was a beautiful song expressing sentiments I had never heard elsewhere in music. The first time I heard of it was when my dad talked about it. He said he had heard it years before and had really liked it. He thought it summed up his relationship with my mom perfectly: He is the outgoing, charismatic one who gets invited to speak at Youth Conferences and is everyone's friend; she's the quiet, peaceful one with strength and determination who stands behind him and supports him — not in a subservient, passive way, but in a way that shows her true love for him. He could not excel without her, and everyone who knows the family knows that.

So he heard the song and loved its message, but he didn't know where to find it. All he remembered was that the version he heard was by country artist Lee Greenwood. He casually mentioned this to my mom, and for his birthday, she went to the music store and searched through every Lee Greenwood tape they had — the man has recorded a few dozen albums — until she found the one with this song. The song itself is a perfect metaphor for their marriage, and her searching for it merely proved it.

My personal feelings aside, Lee Greenwood's mostly acoustic version is probably best — again, simpler usually means better when it comes to getting your point across, and Bette Midler's was too synthesized, causing it to sound like every OTHER cheesy radio love song. Too bad, because the lyrics here are unique and deserve better treatment.

6. "I'll Stand by You," by the Pretenders. Along the same lines as "Wind Beneath My Wings" comes this piano-driven ballad that works well for good friendships, as well as romantic relationships. "Nothing you confess/Could make me love you less/I'll stand by you. ... When you're standing at the crossroads/Don't know which path to choose/Let me come along/'Cause even if you're wrong/I'll stand by you." Devotion and unconditional love are nice things.

7. "The Dance," by Garth Brooks. I'm not a fan of country music, but I make an exception for this song — as do a whole lot of other people, from what I hear — because of the heart-breaking "'tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all" story: "I'm glad I didn't know/The way it all would end. ... Our lives are better left to chance/I could have missed the pain/But I'd have had to miss the dance." Dancing can be a powerfully romantic thing and Brooks accurately shows that here. It was worth the painful breakup that eventually ensued just to have that dance.

8. "Your Eyes," from the "Rent" soundtrack. You may not have seen the rock musical "Rent" — it's been a smash on Broadway and has toured extensively, including to Salt Lake City, but it's too new to have been over-performed by high schools and the Hale Center Theater. It features a young would-be rock star who has AIDS and wants to write one great song before he dies. He falls in love with Mimi, who also has AIDS, and she eventually is the inspiration he needs to write his song. At the end of the show, as she lies dying, he plays the guitar and sings these lyrics, deep with subtext and poignancy:

"I can't hide from your eyes/The ones that took me by surprise/The night you came into my life/Where there's moonlight, I see your eyes/How'd I let you slip away when I'm longing so to hold you?/Now I'd die for one more day 'cause there's something I should have told you/When I looked into your eyes/You were the song all along/And before the song dies/I should tell you, I should tell you/I have always loved you/You can see it in my eyes."

9. "Love, Me," by Collin Raye. See my comments about "The Dance": This is another exception to the no-country rule. I like songs that tell stories, and I love stories that have more than one meaning. (Michael McLean likes to write songs with this technique, too, though you won't see him on this list.) "Love, Me" tells of a grandfather who still has a note his sweetheart wrote him when they were a-courtin'. She was supposed to meet him so they could elope, but when he arrived at the designated spot, he found a note: "If you get there before I do/Don't give up on me/I'll meet you when my chores are through/I don't know how long I'll be. ... Between now and then/Till I see you again/I'll be loving you/Love, me."

They eventually got married, years passed, and Grandma fell ill. Before she died, Grandpa recited the words of the note to her, this time with much different meaning: If you get to heaven before I do, don't give up on me; I don't know how long I'll be, but I'll get there as soon as I can. Few secular songs spotlight the idea of eternal marriage, but this one does it beautifully and sweetly.

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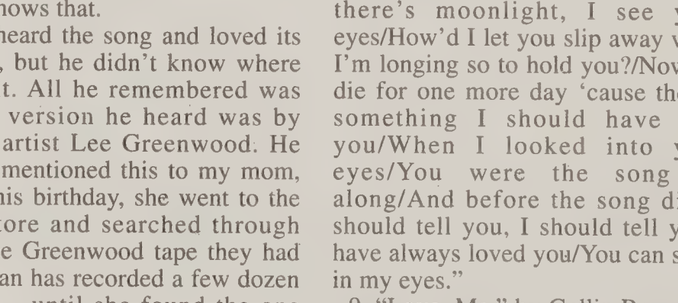
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gles on V-day: Get out and do something

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lentine's Day single can be depress- y amid the mountains of flowers, ish teddy bears always seem to get mmates.

t, lonely ones, Valentine's Day can le experience for all — including someone special. The secret lies in ght activities to participate in. For ning romantic love movies or taking he stars alone is a sure catalyst for

itial reaction may be to burn photos someone who broke up with you entine's Day, there are more healthi- l with the bitterness. Instead, find others who share your lack of love or love interest.

"Go out with someone who's in the same position as you," said Matt Mills, a sophomore from Tennessee majoring in accounting. "The best thing to do is to pursue or progress with someone you'd like to be with by sending a flower or writing a poem."

And since Valentine's Day rolls on Sunday this year, going to church and doing your visiting or home teaching is a sure-fire way to cheer up. General Authorities have been saying all along service is a perfect Sunday activity. So lose the self-pity act and send a small Valentine to someone who won't receive anything. What better way to show love on Valentine's Day than with service.

Amanda Wickel, 20, from Kemmerer, Wyom., majoring in exercise physiology, said "There's no need to feel badly when you don't have a date. There's always friends to rely on and other things to do."

Debbie Romney, 23, from Salt Lake City majoring in history, said to forget the mushy date atomosphere and spend time with your friends.

"I always like to have a party at my house," she said."It doesn't have to be some cheesy romantic date, just as long as you still get people together."

Parties are an all-time favorite around holiday time, make it a tradition.

"Dateless parties are the best," said Erica Townsend, 18, from Wayne, Penn., majoring in pre-physical therapy. "You can't bring anyone along with you, but you can always meet people there."

"I also give out Valentines. I'll get those little heart-shaped suckers with a note attached and hand them out," Townsend said.

Other ideas include calling your mother, spending time with siblings or even generating date ideas for a future love.

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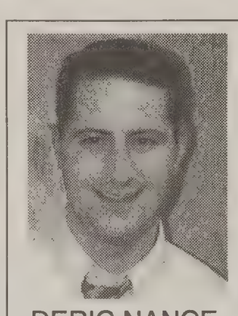
t lie, Deric, we just twist the truth to protect the feelings of guys we don't want to date."

Twist the truth? What does that mean?

Roommate: "Hey, Kimberly, it's Deric! Go out on the porch real fast! . . . Um, Deric?, Kimberly isn't home right now."

Recently, I sat in with a bunch of girls who were coming up with a list of names each can use as their "fake" boyfriend. They needed a loaded weapon to fend off "unapealling men" with a quick draw "My boyfriend . . ." line.



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My sister came home after a date shreiking "Ew, ew, ew! He held me hand." I asked her why she didn't tell her date she didn't want to hold his hand. She informed me she didn't want him to feel bad. Instead she gave him infamous "dead fish." Apparently, her date was oblivious as to what a dead fish actually meant.

My point? Women make it a continual habit to string men along for months and months hoping sooner or later we will just get the clue.

Well, ladies, men just don't have the dating decoder rings you want us to have. We are stupid and need to know. We think we know (especially when it comes to decoding our friends' relationships: "Dude, she gave you "the pat" during your hug. What are you waiting for, a neon sign? It's over!"), but we don't know. Thank you for being nice, but $500 later, our hearts bleed.

Through a vast amount of experience, I can help the younger audience interpret certain phrases that come from the mouths of babes. My gift is limited, but my knowledge is certain:

Girl: "I can't go out on Friday, it's girls night out!"

Interpretation: "We girls have become very bored with the current guys we are dating (including you) so we are going out to look for some more."

Girl: "I'm sorry, I was just going to stay in tonight. Maybe do some homework.

Interpretation: "Homework is the last thing on my mind. I'm inviting a hot guy to my house tonight to watch a video."

Girl: "Um, I'm going to go to a party tonight with some friends."

Interpretation: "I'm going to a party tonight. You are not my friend."

Girl: "Golly, I'd love to, but I have to tend some children tonight."

Interpretation: "You and I will never have children together."

Girl: Um, I have to go run errands . . . in the van . . . for my grandmother. She's sick.

Interpretation: I don't like you.

Most women insist on continually using their list of excuses to avoid hurting feelings.

Last year I went on one date with an incredibly beautiful young lady. After the date I asked her if she would like to go out again. She told me she had a fun time, but she would not be that interested in going on another date.

After I pulled out the knife that was inserted into my right pulmonary artery, I was relieved. Relieved that I didn't have to wonder that night, "She said yes, but she squinted her eyes twice and stood on one foot. What does that mean?"

Most of the time we can see beyond the babbling words and feel the woman is not interested. Nonetheless, when the words don't match up, it causes confusion and brain clots. Honesty can be golden in these times of mismatch.

Don't get me wrong, though, ladies. There is a possibility of too much honesty. We don't want to know we kiss like your brother. This is information I can live without. Use discresion on the amount of honesty you give us.

I believe Billy Joel summed it up best: "She will ruin your faith with her casual lies. She'll bring out the best and the worst you can be. Blame it all on yourself, cause she's always a woman to me."

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it. Nobody looks forward to job interviews. A total tares you down for an hour while you sit there uncom- your pantyhose, trying to sound super-intelligent while mbering to keep your legs crossed correctly. While er to avoid thinking about the whole thing, and just get when the time comes - Don't! Here are a few "insider" bout the whole process that may shock you, but can better connect with your interviewer and distinguish om the competition.

1. RESUMES ARE OBSOLETE

re not really obsolete, but they are only one piece of zzle. "Most people spend much more time on their an they do preparing for each interview. ge mistake," says Bruce Tulgan, the author his Way, a book about how to thrive in your obs. "People can easily lie on resumes. The is much more important, which is why spend so much time doing them - and should spend time getting ready."

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about all the time you will spend on your job ; then, carve out a chunk of those hours o for your interviews.

VORK EXPERIENCE NOT REQUIRED

ou may not have a ton of real work experience. But what recruiters are really looking for when they are hir- ollege grads. Believe it or not, the very fact that you are be worth a lot to many companies. They're in search ar-old's energy and fresh perspective. You may have a v way of looking at things, and that's invaluable to most . "Frankly, experience is not very important to us," says co-founder of Nantucket Nectars, a booming small company with current annual sales over $50 million. each you to do the things you need to do here. What ng for is hunger." As Scott suggests, entry-level job are not designed to weigh your experience, they're o measure your smarts, enthusiasm, personality n.

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d of just describing your past summer jobs, focus ries that showcase your energy and passion for the es you really care about. Or, talk about how your ship has made a difference. While your examples e summer jobs, they may also be a concert you zed, a paper or project for a favorite class, or

a team sport that you play. Make it clear that you will be just as hungry and passionate about the job for which you are interviewing.

3. GOOD QUESTIONS, NOT GOOD ANSWERS CAN CLOSE THE DEAL

Most people spend time preparing answers that will showcase their intelligence, savvy and interest in a company. This is important. But preparing some thoughtful, well-researched questions can accomplish the same thing - and often with greater impact! When the interviewer gets around to "Any questions?" (and he or she will), that's your chance to strut any stuff that you haven't been asked about during the course of the interview. What you reveal in a well-thought-out question might even nail you the job. Jodi Kantor, a New York City college grad, used this strategy to beat out heavy competition for a job as political aide to the Mayor. When she interviewed for the position she wanted to highlight her passion for and understanding of the job. She called on her own experience with New York's parking ticket and birth certificate bureaucracy to make her point. "I made sure to ask specific questions about whether I could work on customer service projects that would fix problems similar to the ones I had faced as a city resident," she says. Turns out that the Mayor was launching some big service initiatives in that area. Kantor's interviewer was so impressed with her genuine interest in the city's problems that he hired her and put her on the team to help solve them.

What to Do:

- ***Stay away from obvious questions (i.e.; the ones answered in the company literature). Instead, find out what your interviewer thinks about a relevant company or industry issue. Or, ask about a specific part of the job that is of particular interest to you.***

4. YOU CAN KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT A COMPANY

Many people look at prepping for an interview like studying for an exam. They read all the obvious material to make sure they know "who, what and where". This is a great start, but it's just the tip of the iceberg. Reading a company's recruiting brochure and spitting it back in the interview won't impress anyone. To really stand out you need to arm yourself with current and substantive information about the company and industry. Thanks to today's technology, this does not have to be a daunting or time consuming proposition. You can learn a lot with minimal effort and make a great impact because most other undergrad candidates won't take the extra step.

What to Do:

- ***Read the newspaper! See what's happening in the world that might be relevant to the respective company or industry.***
- ***Call and ask for a company's sales materials to see how they talk to their customers.***
- ***Use on-line info like company or news web sites. Sites like www.wetfeetpress.com and www.vaultreports.com carry great company and industry profiles for sale.***
- ***Utilize free news information resources at your school library like Lexis/Nexis or the Bloomberg News Service.***

5. FUN, NOT FACTS MAY MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

Probably the most important piece of information a recruiter will want to know but will never ask directly is "What is this person like to be around?" A good recruiter knows you will be working some long hours in a closed room with other people. You better believe that a key question on his or her checklist is "Do I want to work with this person? Would my colleagues want to work with this person". Let's face it, many people will have the same skills as you, but not everyone can package those skills with your personality. You want the recruiter to walk away wanting to work with you!

What to Do:

- ***Make sure pieces of YOU come out in the interview! Be confident about yourself, and communicate with energy and enthusiasm. Don't be afraid to laugh when appropriate or talk about a personal issue to make a relevant point.***

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Many BYU students use the Fresh Breath Clinic to enhance their dateability.

"When students come here seeking treatments, dating and relationships are the unspoken reason they come," said Kris Baldwin, a dental hygienist running the clinic under the direction of Dr. Phillip C. Hall, D.D.S.

Although no increase in respondents is noticed around Valentine's Day, the majority of people who ask about treatment are students, Baldwin said.

Among the students who come, the number of males and females is equal, she said.

"It is very common for young wives to send their new husbands," Baldwin said.

Utah Orthodontic Care uses Dr. Hall's dental facilities every Monday.

"More than two people come in each time we are here asking about the fresh breath treatments," said Angie Pearson, the patient coordinator for Utah Orthodontic Care.

> ***"When people come here seeking treatments, dating and relationships are the unspoken reason they come."***
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> *— Kris Baldwin, dental hygienist, Fresh Breath Clinic*

Fresh breath seems to be a big issue among BYU students and dating.

Chewing gum is a necessity on a date, said Jim Jeffries, 21, a sophomore from Valencia, Calif., majoring in human biology.

"No one wants to go out with a dog-breath guy," Jeffries said.

Jeffries said he chews an average of three pieces of gum on every date: one at the beginning, one after dinner and another towards the end.

Jeffries brushes and flosses his teeth regularly and has not had a problem with bad breath.

"Fresh breath is more important than cologne," he said.

However, gum and breath mints only covers up the sulfate bonds which cause bad breath, Baldwin said.

"Oxyfresh products from the clinic, containing chlorine dioxide, break those sulfate bonds and treats those problem areas," Baldwin said.

The most common products used are the toothpaste, mouthwash and breath mints, she said.

"During the first visit, we test areas with a halimeter, which measures parts per billion," she said. The readings are taken from the mouth, nasal tract, stomach and throat.

If problems exist the advised, Baldwin said.

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Romance lives on after marriage

Couples of all ages say spirit of V-Day still warms hearts

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From recently married BYU couples to those with children, and couples celebrating their 30th anniversary, the special meaning of Valentine's Day continues throughout the years and different stages of life.

"Past Valentine's Days have been depressing. We used to call them 'single awareness days.' But this year I'm going to be with someone I really, really love," said Kiersten Bliss, 21, a junior from Parkersburg, W.Va., majoring in psychology teaching.

Although plans for their first Valentine's Day as a married couple are still in the works, Bliss is certain that this one, with husband Jon, will be different from last year when she had to turn him down because of previous plans.

After spending the whole night with another boy, but thinking about Jon, Bliss was excited when she returned home to find a long-stemmed rose, a box of chocolates and a really nice letter.

"This year we are spending (Valentine's Day) together," Bliss said.

Dave Ashton, 26, a senior from Fairfax, Va., majoring in sociology and his wife Gillian, 26, a 1995 BYU graduate in human development also from Fairfax, Va., have been married for five years and will be celebrating their ninth Valentine's Day together this year.

Although he said comparing Valentine's Day from the beginning of their relationship to now is almost impossible, the holiday takes on more meaning as the years go by.

"It's like comparing two lives," Ashton said. "When you're dating, there's a euphoria behind it; you can't do enough to please and impress each other. After marriage, (Valentine's Day) doesn't mean less. It just requires a little more effort."

Now that Ashton and his wife have two children with one on the way, he said Valentine's Day has become even more special.

"Gillian is my wife, the mother of my children and my eternal companion," he said. "She'll always be my sweetheart."

Wayne McBride, a 1969 BYU graduate in animal science, and his wife Joyce, a 1969 BYU graduate in home economics education, recently celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. With seven daughters, the McBrides have kept some Valentine's Day traditions they started when they were first married.

For their first Valentine's Day together, Joyce baked a German chocolate cake in the shape of a heart.

"It was his favorite, and I was trying to impress him by baking it from scratch," she said.

"She still bakes a heart-shaped cake for him every year," said Mary McBride, the McBrides' 20-year-old daughter, a junior from Hood River, Ore., majoring in human development.

Joyce thinks Valentine's Day is important to celebrate because couples can show their love by doing little things for each other and their children.

"It's important to express our love because it helps us to grow," she said.

Sheila Mitchell, 27, a graduate student from Pleasant Grove majoring in marriage and family therapy, believes love changes throughout the years and stages of marriage.

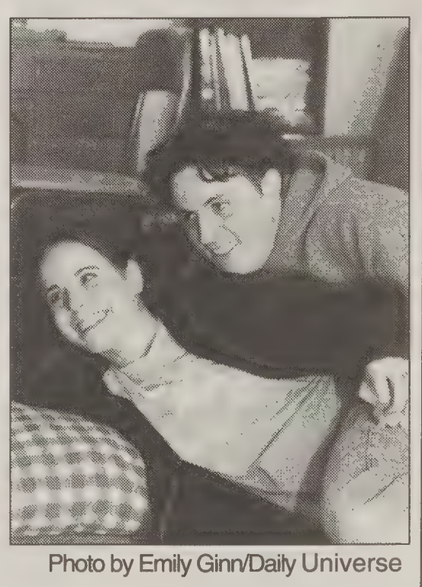
"At first it's exciting; you're in bliss. After marriage, reality sets in and love changes ... It becomes what we call a deeper 'companionship love,'" she said.

Mitchell said although having kids has an impact on a relationship, it brings a couple closer together. But she advises parents to make their relationship a priority and take at least one night a week to have a date with each other.

"In order to be a good parent, you have to have a good (marital) relationship," Mitchell said.

Although Mitchell said both women and men appreciate romance more on Valentine's Day, she believes that what happens in everyday life is more important to keeping the romance alive in a relationship.

"What really makes a difference is doing little things for each other every day. Even just saying, 'I love you,' a hug, or a word of encouragement works," she said.



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Rachel and Travis Demming, BYU students who have been married for a year and a half, enjoy a movie together.

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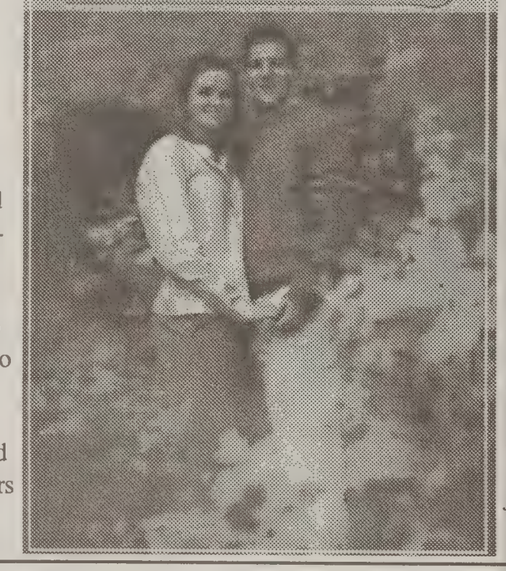

Breakups cause emotional pain

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Shawn talked about the same thing everyday. He talked about it on his way to work, during Sunday School or to anyone who would listen in the grocery store. For two months all Shawn could think about was Cheryl. They had dated a year and a half, Shawn would say, and you don't just move on. She couldn't already be over him, could she?

"Breaking up with Cheryl was the hardest thing I've ever been through," Shawn said. "I mean, my mission was tough, but it was nothing compared to this."

In the year and a half Shawn and Cheryl dated, they talked occasionally about marriage. But when their relationship was no longer progressing, they decided to break up. Two months later, Shawn found out breaking up is hard to do.

"I know it happened for a purpose. I know certain things about our relationship had to change. But I realize now I love her more than life itself," Shawn said.

Like Shawn and Cheryl, couples often break up. Most couples break up simply because they lose interest in each other, Lars Nielsen, a psychologist at the Career and Counseling Center, said. Nielsen said the decision to end a relationship usually causes emotional turmoil for at least one party.

"Breaking up seems like a rating of the person. People interpret `I'm not interested in being with you' as `You're not interesting,' and they're not the same thing," Nielsen said.

Nielsen said failed relationships shouldn't affect an individual's self-worth. Relationships don't work because of different goals or opinions, Nielsen said.

"It was tough when things didn't work out with Cheryl. I guess you could say I lost a lot of confidence. I wondered what was wrong with me," Shawn said.

Youth in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints often run into problems while courting because they are looking for the "right" person, Nielsen said. According to Nielsen, there is no such thing as a "right" or "wrong" person. He said people should seek guidance from the Lord while courting, but should also be practical.

"One of the important things to remember is that the scriptures offer no guidance about courting. They give a few examples (of courting) but they're not consistent with our society. The scriptures don't offer information on how to get married," Nielsen said.

Nielsen acknowledged that the scriptures instruct those courting to be chaste and marry within the covenant. He said the Lord will offer guidance, but expects individuals to do their part.

"In the New Testament, it says the Lord will answer those that ask. The Lord can guide us, but it's up to us to live our lives," Nielsen said.

When couples do decide to break up, Nielsen suggests they communicate openly and honestly. He said both parties should assume responsibility for their actions.

"You are not obligated to make them feel good about the break up. You would like them to feel good about it, but that's not your responsibility. You should be as kind as you can be, you should be as honest as you can be, but after that the ball is in their court," Nielsen said.

Nielsen said that even after prayer breaking up can be a difficult decision. He said that if the relationship is causing pain for those involved, the couple should probably break up. However, Nielsen said most relationships can work.

"If you find someone you're attracted to and you can work through disagreements, that's a very good sign," Nielsen said.

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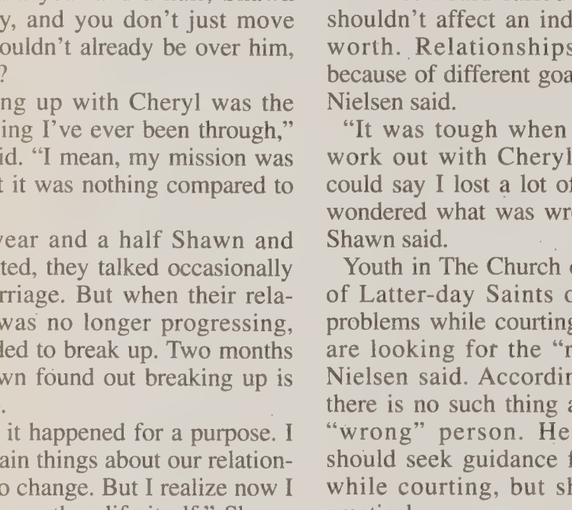

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Students looking to refine romance this weekend can look to the local cinemas. Theaters are playing romantic movies all weekend long. Movies 8 will play "Sleepless in Seattle" as their midnight movie and "Ever After" during regular hours.

"We are showing "Message in a Bottle" for the Valentine's weekend, a great couple's movie," said Wynnsong Theater manager Emily Kunic.

Movies have moved from silent to "talkies" and from black and white to color, yet the main plot ideas never change: lost loves, forbidden loves, etc.

People have not grown tired of these themes as was evident from the result of the polling of BYU students in the Cougareat.

But if you are looking for real romance, look back in time.

"Investigate the oldies. That is where one can find the real romantic classics. Movies today too often confuse sex for love," Vice said.

MOST ROMANTIC MOVIES

BYU student picks gathered in an unscientific poll of 50 males and 50 females

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Sleepless in Seattle
An Affair to Remember
Ever After
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While You Were Sleeping
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Casablanca
You've Got Mail
Titanic
Ghost
One Fine Day
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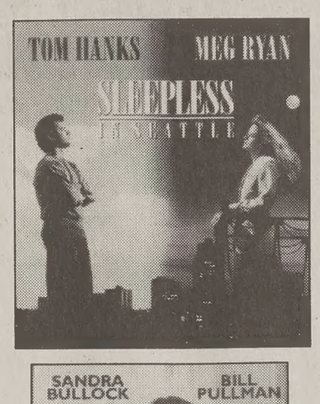

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o this year's k has devel- oped a card line called "real life, real relationship" cards, Buckley said.

"Valentine's Day is typically a holiday for lovers, but this line offers a different look at the holiday," she said.

The "real life, real relationship" line has cards for mothers to send to their sons, granddaughters to their grandmothers and relationships other than romantic relationships, Buckley said.

"It expands the list of people to sends cards to for Valentine's Day," she said.

Hallmark is also offering a "Bittersweet" line of cards this year because "the holiday isn't always happy for people who have gone through a divorce, a breakup or have lost a loved one.

"These cards say, 'We're still thinking of you,' because sometimes it isn't always appropriate to send really happy cards to people who are suffering," Buckley said.

Hallmark also caters to the up-and-coming high tech generation with its electronic greetings.

Hallmark.com spokesperson, Kathi Mishek, said electronic greetings were created to accommodate consumers' requests.

Hallmark has a variety of 1,500 electronic greetings. Ninety of those are specific to Valentine's Day, but the site also has a choice of love greetings that do not mention the holiday. The electronic greeting designs are exclusive online, Mishek said.

Sending an electronic greeting is a simple as going to the Hallmark.com Web site and clicking on the icon for electronic greetings, Mishek said. The person can scroll down to see all of the cards and make a selection. The sender can also add a personal message to the card.

Once the the person has selected a card, he has to provide the e-mail address of the sender and the receiver. The sender will receive a confirmation e-mail when the greeting is received.

Those who have been struck by Cupid's arrow also have the option of making valentines for their loved ones. Both Campus Craft and Floral and Provo Craft have paper supplies and materials to cut, paste and make valentines.

Nancy Kensinger, customer service representative at Provo Craft, said the store carries scrapbooking paper, dye cuts, silk flowers, Valentine's Day trinkets and heart-shaped cookie cutters to aid in people's Valentine's Day projects.

Alisha Jensen, a customer service representative at Campus Craft and Floral, said the store has a heart-shaped pan for people to make a cookie card.

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With the electronic age pounding in sync with Valentine lovers' beating hearts, is it any wonder e-mail "in" boxes are being flooded with electronic Valentine cards and virtual flower bouquets?

Typing in "electronic valentines" on any Internet search engine will easily yield over 40 matches. Or go to www.electronicpostcards.net/valen.htm and go blind surfing through its over 100 links to various Valentine services.

Below is a list of some Web sites offering free Valentine greetings. They're not as cozy as a hug, but it's the thought that counts.

Blue Mountain Arts at www.bluemountain.com/eng/valentine/ — features animated, music-accompanied cards people can personalize and send by e-mail for free

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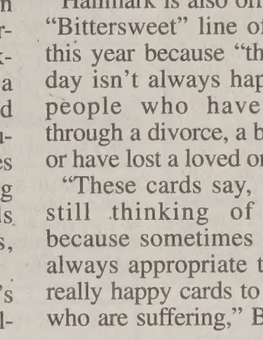

GEOFF HOWARD
NewsNet Staff Writer

I found a short old man that looked like Yoda. Did you ever hear that President Kimball was the role model for Yoda. Fact, or Mormon fiction? You make the call.

I went up to Yoda and said, "I've been giving dating the 'good ol college try' for years and asking direct 'will you' questions on the first date, but still await a temple date."

Yoda said, "There is no try, only do."

Yoda then asked me to lift Woody out of the tow truck that was hauling him off. I said I'd rather walk.

"You have much to learn," and he sent me in search of Miyagi-San at the Tepanyaki Steakhouse.

Miyagi told me some story of how men are fishers of women.

"Be a patient fisherman ... wait for them to take the bait," he said.

Then he said something about how he had just fed me for a day and that I got to eat free for the rest of my life. All I know is I left there hungry with no Tepanyaki VIP pass in my hand.

Two men pulled up on a scooter and offered me a ride to Aspen. They were in search of a girl. So was I.

Did you know that all of "Dumb and Dumber" was filmed inside Raintree Apartments? Fact, or Mormon fiction?

The three of us made it all the way to Helaman Halls before blowing a tire. A beautiful young co-ed offered to help push us along.

One of my new mentors decided to teach me the ways of an RM Master.

"What are the chances of a girl like you and a guy like me getting together?" he said.

"About one in ... one," she replied.

Wait, wait, wait. It's "one in a million." And I know that neither of us has a chance with her. This is a dream, though, so I might as well have some fun.

The crowd roared after I caught the winning touchdown pass from Steve Young in the Super Bowl.

Steve came up to me and instead of a high five he pats my butt and says, "Remember this always. All girls want me until they tell me otherwise."

Steve, maybe if you'd stop taking Jerry Rice on your dates, girls wouldn't be telling you otherwise.

The roaring crowd turned into my roommate Dave yelling in my ear with vulgarities and threatening to turn my alarm clock off with my teeth.

I shared with him the great wisdom I had gained in my travel among the RM Zen Masters to which he replied, "Geoff, none of our relationships are going to work out anyways ... so just kiss the girl right away."

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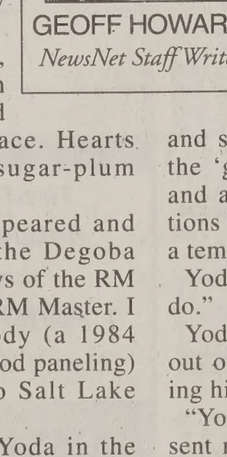

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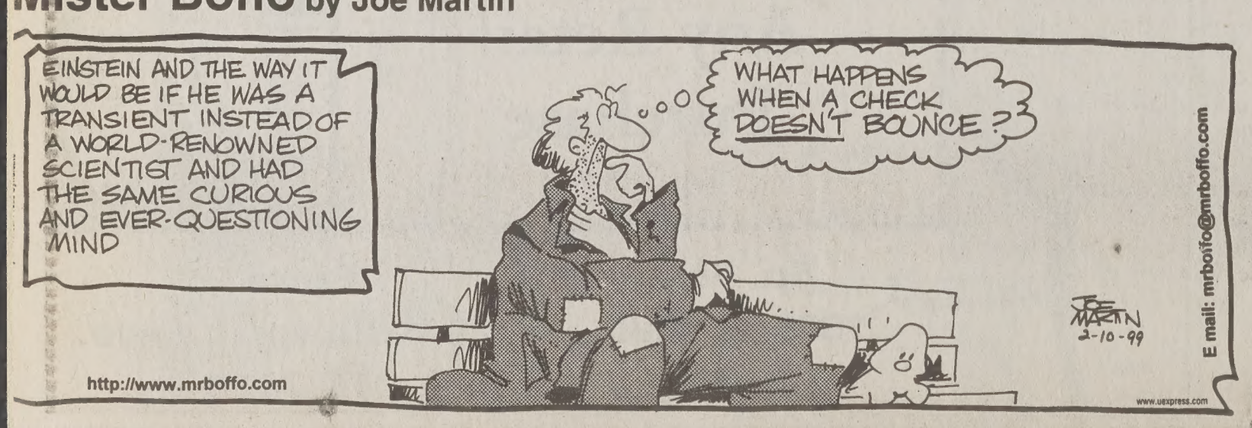
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From cherries to caramel, V-Day is a box of chocolates

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Chocolate. The word makes mouths water. Valentine's Day witnesses a surge of sales for local chocolate-making companies.

Chocolate sales go up as much as 900 percent on Valentine's Day, and while most area chocolate sellers agree that Christmas is the most profitable season, they say Valentine's Day takes the cake as the single most profitable day.

> **"Nine out of t0 people like chocolate. The tenth person always lies."**
>
> — *John G. Tullius*
> *American artist and cartoonist*

"We average about $300 a day, but sales go up as much as $10,000 on Valentine's Day," said Christy Johnson, manager of Kara Chocolates in Provo.

A surge of buyers that large would be hard to handle without proper planning. Local businesses hire extra people, including local college students part-time, to make sure a large enough supply of candy is on the shelves. Some stores, like See's Candies, even set up an express line for the holidays.

> **"On Valentine's Day itself, the majority of the customers are men. They come in right after work, before they head home, in a panic. They have these looks on their faces like, 'Help me. Help me. Tell me what to do.'"**
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> — *Susan Martin*
> *manager, See's Candies, University Mall*

Men are the super-buyers who make the day incomparable in sales, many local business owners agreed.

"On Valentine's itself, the majority of the customers are men. They come in right after work, before they head home, in a panic. They have these looks on their faces like, 'Help me. Help me. Tell me what to do,'" said Susan Martin, manager of See's Candies in the University Mall.

Last minute runs to the store don't tell the receiver what kind of chocolate they've been given, though.

Byrleen Hansem, manager of Mrs. Cavanaugh's — voted one of the ten best chocolate companies in the country — said chocolate is determined by grade. A higher grade means a small amount of wax is used in making the chocolate; it has a higher melting level — as in, "it melts in your mouth" — and the filling is a butter creme rather than puffed-up egg whites, Hansem said.

Whether it's a ball of wax or a Lady Godiva, chocolate does more than satisfy a sweet-tooth.

Kristen Lord, 18, a freshman from Salt Lake City majoring in business, read in a recent article that chocolate is supposed to be good for you.

"Men live longer when they eat chocolate," she said.

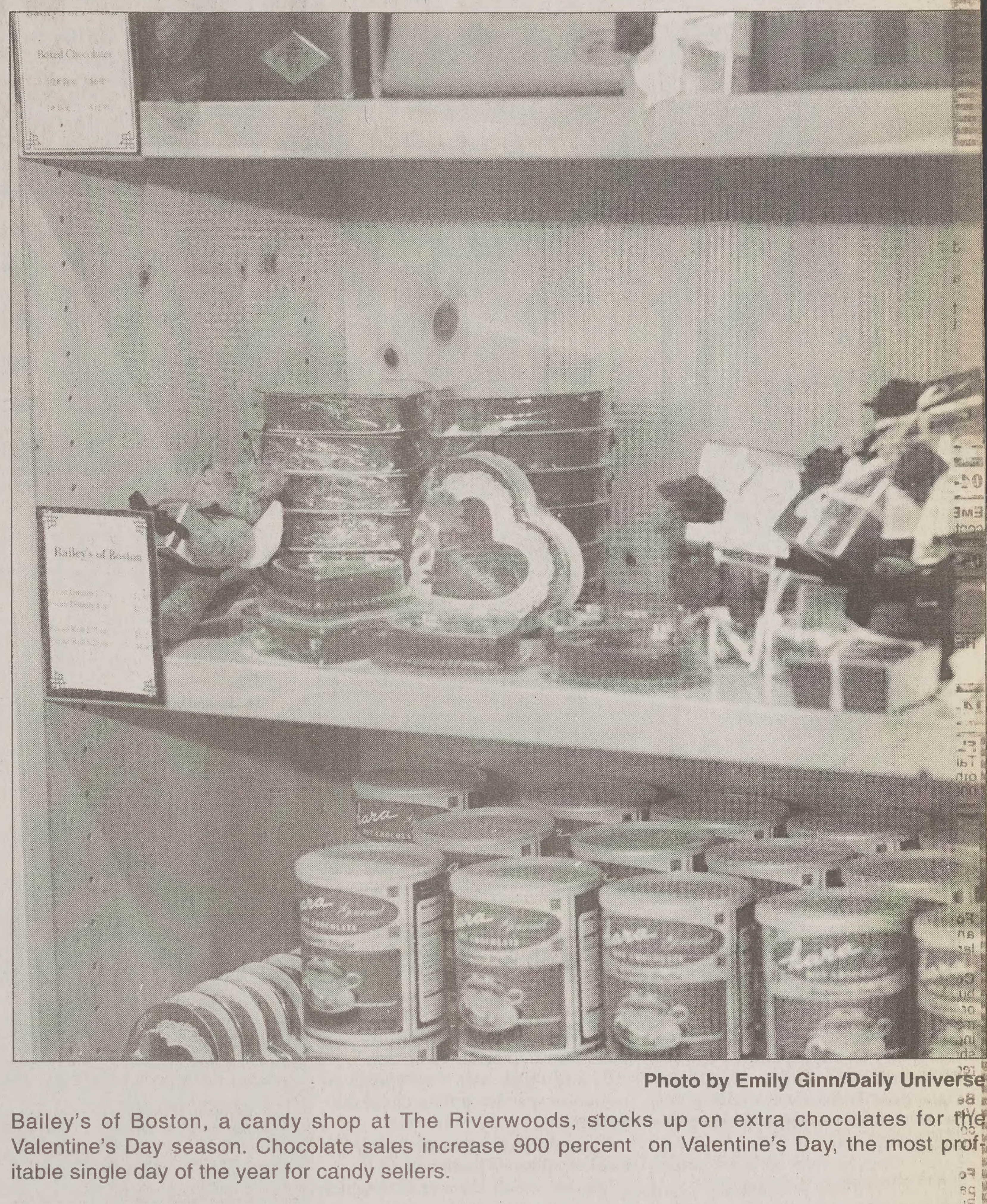
Healthy or no, the meaning behind the gift is up for personal speculation. And interpretation usually varies by gender. Some women believe there's no meaning at all.

"It's a cop-out. It means he couldn't think of a personal gift to give," said Jaime Kimball, 21, a junior from Mesa, Ariz., majoring in public relations.

Ryan Hartman, 24, a senior from Fort Collins, Colo., majoring in microbiology, disagreed.

"I would only give chocolate to a girl if I meant something by it. Of all the candies, chocolate is the candy of love," he said.

"Sweets for the sweetheart. It's a tradition," said Mark Guisinger, 23, a senior from Columbus, Ohio, majoring in theater.



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Bailey's of Boston, a candy shop at The Riverwoods, stocks up on extra chocolates for the Valentine's Day season. Chocolate sales increase 900 percent on Valentine's Day, the most profitable single day of the year for candy sellers.

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"I was widowed over a year ago, and used Dr. Gray's principles in my wonderful marriage to my soul mate, and am using them in my newly single life," said Christina Tillotson, president of the Mars-Venus Workshops.

> **"Women seem to be more comfortable than men are with sharing emotions, while woman's communication styles are often more relational rather than informational."**
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> — *Shannon Wilde,*
> *BYU graduate student in counseling psychology*

According to Gray's book, women need to be listened to and men need to be problem solvers. This causes the gender gap. When men and women become aware of the differences, the gap lessens and they develop better relationships with the opposite sex.

BYU students have their own explanations for the frequent failure to communicate openly between the genders.

"Women seem to be more comfortable than men are with sharing emotions, while woman's communication styles are often more relational rather than informational," said Shannon Wilde, a BYU graduate student in counseling psychology from Provo.

"Often the problems occur when the communication between the two is misunderstood or not understood at all," said Nathan Pattillo, a freshman with an undeclared major from Birmingham, Ala.

"To work out that problem, you have to communicate openly and give feedback to the person that you are hearing it from. I think that most of the problems in relationships are caused by a lack of general communication," Pattillo said.

"Men and women think differently, but believing in set stereotypes just widens the gap between women and men," said Xochitl Anson, a BYU junior majoring in English from Banning, Calif.

"About the time I think men are hard and women soft, I'll find the reverse," said Douglas Brinley, a BYU faculty member in the church history department.

According to many experts, stereotyping can plant bad seeds that will continue to nourish negative attitudes of men and women. Doctors recommend that people need to set aside all preconceived notions and try to make an effort to communicate feelings and emotions.

"Open verbal communication in its simplest and most plain form possible is the only thing that relieves the problem," Pattillo said.

"Given the appropriate environment, I believe men and women can be equally skilled at communicating, both feeling and information," Wilde said.

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3 QB Flutie
4 Magnifying glass carrier, maybe
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7 Walks softly
8 Wiggle
9 The dark side
10 Rainy day reserves
11 Quito's country: Abbr.
12 "Come again?"
13 Step on it
18 Rebel leader of '61
19 J. P. Morgan founded it
24 "That's it!"
26 Standard product
27 Bird marker, maybe
28 "—— is human"
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31 Spokes
32 Dreadlocks wearer, informally
33 Had a home-cooked meal
34 Went a round
36 Atomic particle
39 Concern for a blood typer
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54 Get —— on the back
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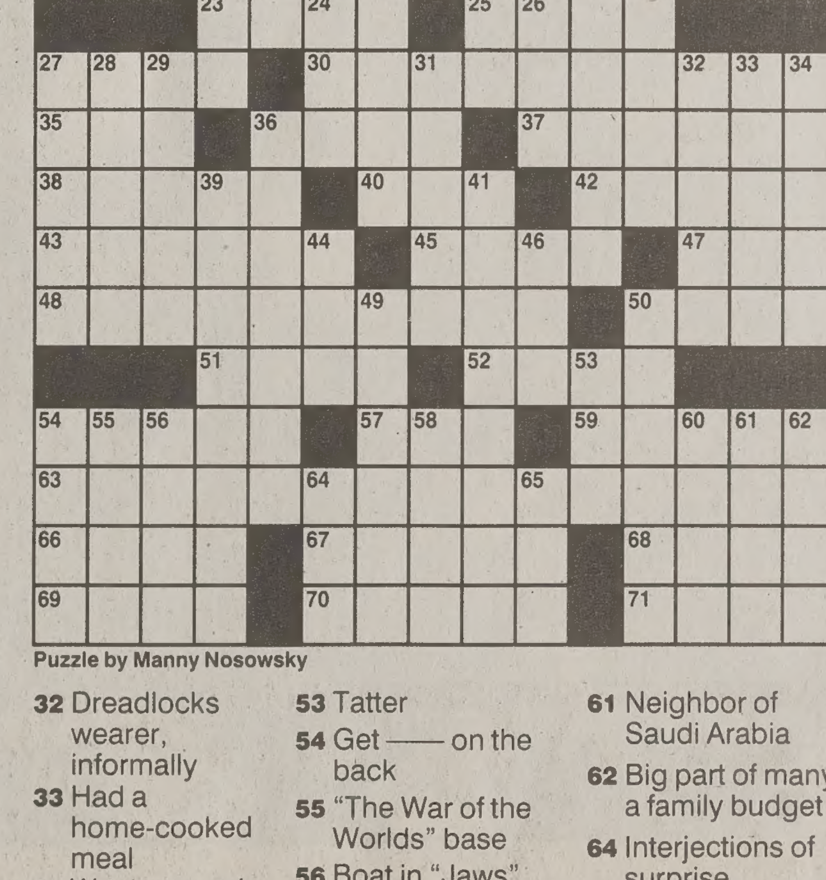

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"Love is for keeps" Valentine candy lasts over 2 years

Japan's confectioners can't make romance last longer, but they've come up with the next best thing: Valentine's Day chocolates that stay fresh for two years.

The Mary Chocolate Company's "Chocolate that Keeps" achieves the longevity by using less milk fat and more cocoa, the company said.

Valentine's Day is serious business in Japan, where women give men sweets. Males are expected to reciprocate a month later on "White Day."

And the giving is not just for the love-sturck: office women are expected to dispense so-called "giri-choco" -- or obligation chocolate -- to male colleagues on Valentine's Day.

This year, women will get a break because the holiday falls on a Sunday, so there will be less pressure to hand out gifts at work. So confectioners are playing the romance angle hard.

"This chocolate keeps two years, but love is for keeps," runs Mary's advertising slogan for the new candies. The company says buying for long-term sweethearts and friends is in this year.

Still, why do you need chocolates that last two years?

Mary Chocolates had a rather unromantic suggestion: provisions in case of an earthquake.

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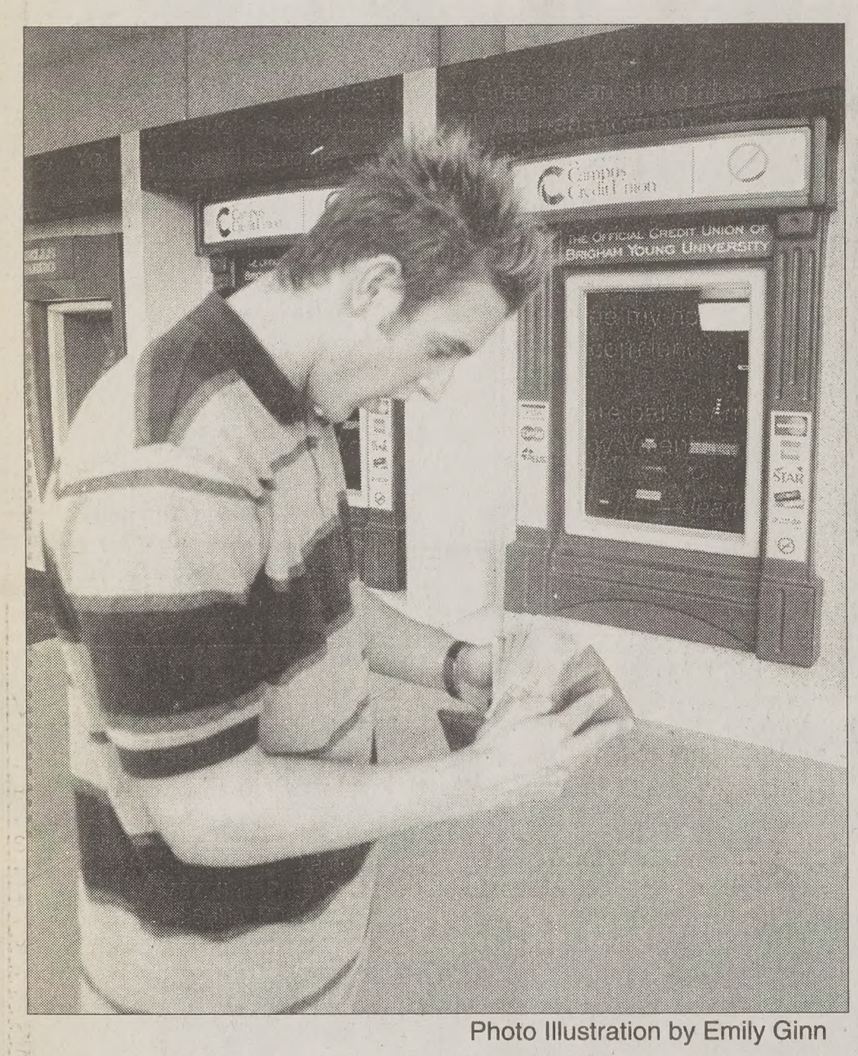
For love or money?

Students say their V-Day spending boosts area retail while emptying walle



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A student looks at the amount of money he may spend during the Valentine's Day season with astonishment. Many BYU students say they feel pressure to spend as a result of the commercialization of the holiday.

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While Valentine's Day is ostensively a time to celebrate love and affection, many BYU students and Provo retailers say the day is actually all about money.

Victoria's Secret is one store whose sales skyrocket the week before Valentine's Day, according to one of the Provo store's managers.

"It's amazing. It's like the day before Christmas," one manager said.

Local flower shop employees say floral sales easily double on Valentine's Day.

"It's hard on people who want to buy flowers because the flower industry jacks up the price so much, but I know that they still double in their sales," said Tiffany Bullock, 21, a junior majoring in business.

For those lonely souls who are all too aware of their single status, Blockbuster Video and clothing stores are a place of refuge, according to Krista Peine, 24, a senior majoring in statistics.

"Clothing store sales go up because girls are depressed and go shopping," Peine said.

However, Peine wants to take the emphasis off of money and relationships and put it on the importance of appreciating the people around you.

"You don't have to have a boyfriend to do something nice," Peine said. "Instead of having a day of self-pity, do something nice for someone."

Other students agree.

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> *— Tiffany Bullock*

"There is too much focus on buying things when the simple things are the things that are important," said Matthew Hinton, 24, a junior majoring in psychology and Spanish. "We need to get back to the basics."

"Valentine's Day is like Christmas," said Nathan Myres, 23, a junior majoring in history.

"Even though it is something we should be celebrating the rest of the year, it helps remind us of what is important," Myres said.

"I'm not really into buying lots of stuff," said Joseph Berryhill, 23, a junior majoring in accounting.

"It is partly because I don't have any money and also because I think it is overrated," Berryhill said. "I think people should just go out and do something together."

Although money is not important, Bullock said, the increase in sales doesn't bother her because she believes it is a good sign.

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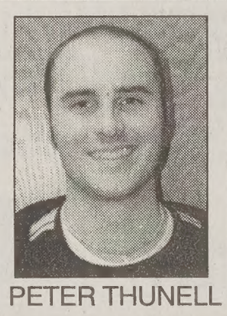
Ladies' test: Was I born too late to be his mate?



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Ladies, does your man talk endlessly about the parallels between Mormonism and Battlestar Galactica? Is he always telling you he remembers George Clooney as the handyman in "The Facts of Life"? Does he refer to Pearl Jam as "that new, cutting-edge band?"

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions you have to consider the fact that your RM might be too old for you.

So grab a pen and take this official test to determine if he's too old for you to be sold.

Do it now before you're married and all he wants to do on Saturday nights is stay home and watch VH1.

1. When he hears the name Michael Jackson, he thinks of:

A. a cute little boy with an afro the size of Dr. J's and a normal, humannose.

B. a leather clad "bad" boy with the nose of a fifth grader.

C. a freakish white guy that dresses like a nutcracker and has a nose that looks like a broken toothpick with holes.

2. When he goes out to play ball, his shorts are:

A. so short your roommates offer him five bucks to not sit down or bend over to pick anything up.

B. mid-thigh with four inches of turquoise spandex jutting out at the bottom.

C. so baggy he could shoplift small appliances in them.

3. He knows all the words to which rap song?

A. He still refuses to accept rap as a form of music.

B. "Bust a Move, Paul Revere," or "It takes Two" (also acceptable: "Parents Just Don't Understand").

C. "Been Around the World," by Puff Daddy (and he still refuses to recognize the fact that it's a sample from the '80s hit "Let's Dance").

4. He can name all of the main characters on:

A. "ChiPs" (and he can tell you definitively whether or not the sarge is a Mormon).

B. "Family Ties" (bonus points for knowing Skippy's full name).

C. the current season of "The Real World."

D. "Melrose Place" (Trick answer! If you circled this one, drop your man now. He obviously has the brain development of a sleep-deprived grapefruit).

5. He contends that the greatest genius to come out of "Saturday Night Live" is:

A. Chevy Chase (Although "Fletch" is a work of art, his career is slumping a bit lately).

B. Chris Farley (If you watch the "Chippendale" skit and "Tommy Boy," it puts all questions to rest).

C. Norm Macdonald (Did you see his last movie? Don't worry, no one else did).

6. When you drive by the Black Hole of Businesses (i.e. Brigham's Landing) he thinks of:

A. Caddi's (with the car busting through the front window).

B. Viva Spaghetti (translation: long live spaghetti. Interesting fact — viva gorditas translation: long live large women).

C. Wild Burro, Ozone, Player's Club and whatever else will be there next week.

7. When Scooby Doo is mentioned he thinks of:

A. Fred, Daphne, Thelma, Shag and Scoob cruising in the Mystery Machine.

B. the uncle of Scrappy Doo (Death to Scrappy! Sorry, I had to say it).

C. the poster boy for today's drug culture because hey, we always knew there was something up with those Scooby Snacks.

8. He sat up all night memorizing the words to:

A. "End of the World" by REM.

B. "We Didn't Start the Fire" by Billy Joel.

C. "One Week" by Bare Naked Ladies.

9. When he left on his mission you were:

A. making the transition from Beehive to Mia Maid.

B. getting your drivers license.

C. actually dating each other (but for some reason he's back, you're not married yet and you're taking this test).

OK, here's how you score it: Every A is worth three points, B's are worth two points, and C's, one point.

If he scored eight to 11 points, no problems. Go with it.

Twelve to 18 points, give him the final test: Take him to the Omni and see if he, at some point in the evening, does the running man — even in jest. If he does, he's gone.

Nineteen to 24 points means you are culturally incompatible. You say, "Nintendo," he says, "Atari."

Remember: marriage is hard enough without having huge things like this to overcome.

Valentine Food for Thought

Cabbage always has a heart; Green bean string along.
You're such a cute tomato, Will you peas to me belong?
You've been the apple of my eye, You know how much I care;
So lettuce get together, We'd make a perfect pear.

Now, something's sure to turnip to prove you can't be beat;
So, if you carrot all for me let's let our tulips meet.
Don't squash my hopes and dreams now, Bee my honey, dear;
Or tears will fill potato's eyes, While sweet corn lends an ear.

I'll cauliflower shop and say, Your dream are parsley mine.
I'll work and share my celery, So be my Valentine.

—Jeane Losey
www.techdirect.com/valentine/vrecipes.html

Chocolate Trivia

- **On his fourth voyage to the New World, in 1502, Christopher Colunmbus was the first European to taste chociate.**
- **American eats about 10 pounds of chocolate a year per capita. The Swiss eat 22 pounds per year.**
- **A 1.5 oz. milk chocolate bar has only 220 calories.**
- **A 1.75 oz. serving of potato chips has only 230 calories.**
- **Casanova, fond of chocolate's divine properties, considered it an elixer of love.**
- **Queen Victoria was such a devotee that she sent 500,000 pounds of chocolate to her troops one Christmas.**
- **Chocolate's scientific name, Theobroma, means "food for the gods."**

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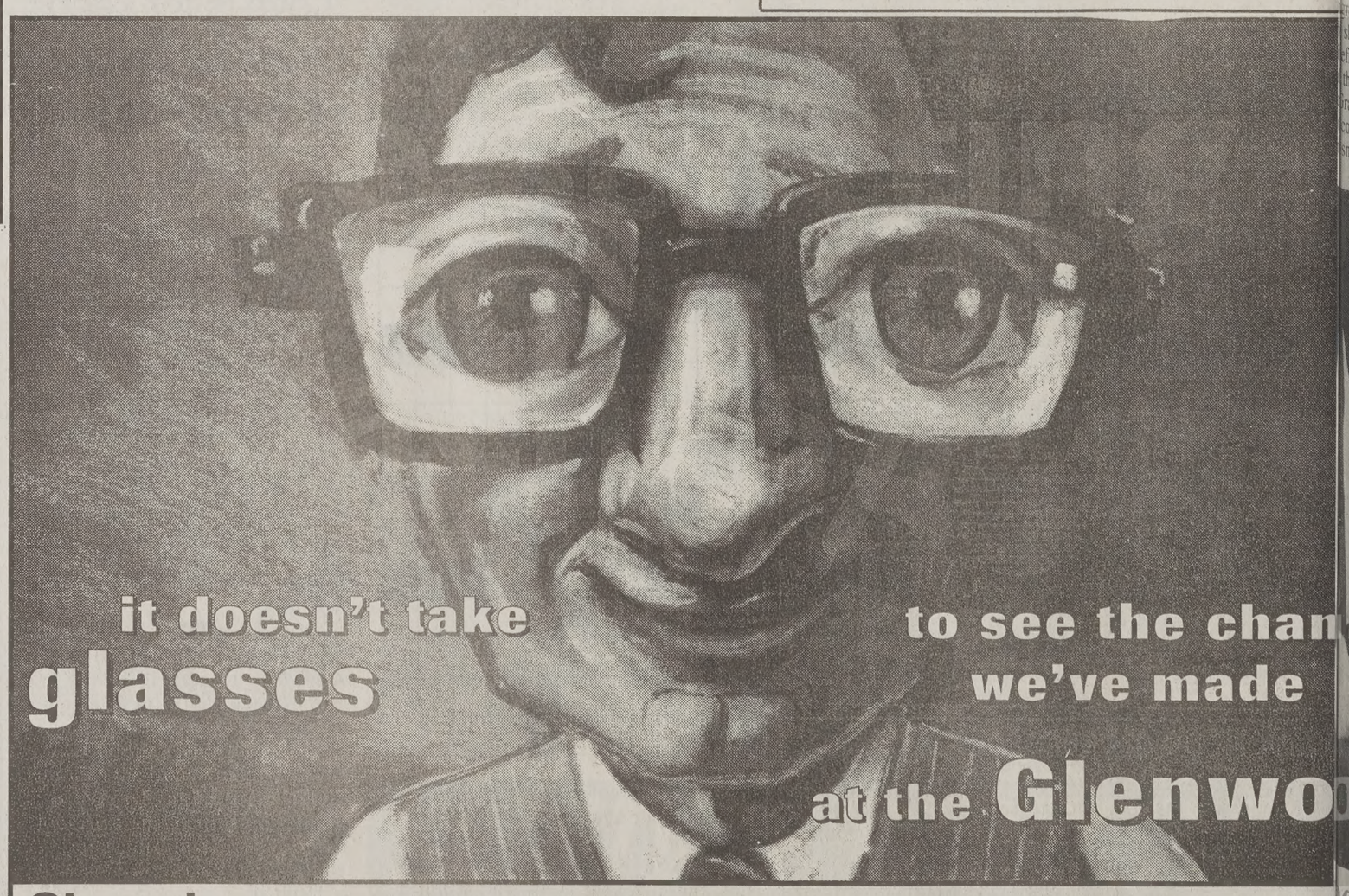

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